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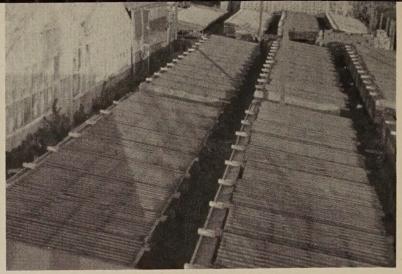
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SPECIMEN GARDEN AND LATH HOUSE

The cacti in our specimen gardens are maintained to give us data on growth characteristics, minimum temperature requirements, frost resistance and seed. Much is learned also by comparison with plants grown in frames and in flats. Lath houses provide shelter for succulents and epiphytic cacti which need some protection from mid-



SEEDLING CACTUS FRAMES

After the small cacti have been replanted twice they are large enough to benefit by more light and air and are moved from the greenhouses to these raised, glass covered, cold frames. Here they are near the glass and luxuriate in the heat, intense light and free ventilation. This induces a vigorous root growth and early flowering maturity.

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OUR desire has been to bring to the advanced collector a more comprehensive listing of our collection and more photographs of the various plants. It is still not practical to list more than those readily available.

Considerable thought has been given to nomenclature. We have used The Cactaceae by Dr. N. L. Britton and Dr. J. N. Rose as the basic authority. This four volume work was published in 1919-1923 and was the essence of twenty years of datum assembling and original critical analysis of this large plant family. It was my privilege to know both authors and to be encouraged by the great-hearted kindliness of Dr. Rose who was a curator of the National Herbarium in Washington.

Since the publication of The Cactaceae much new data has been brought to light and many new cacti have been discovered. Of late years, in the light of this new data, several new revisions of the family have been proposed. The study of plant relationships (taxonomy) is not an exact science. The exact relationship of one

study of plant relationships (taxonomy) is not an exact science. The exact relationship of one plant to another in the course of evolution can never be more than one man's considered judgenever be more than one man's considered judgement. This must explain why a plant is moved from genus to genus or why a new genus is proposed. The changing of the specific names or substitution of one generic name for another is often due to another factor; the rules laid down and accepted by professional botanists at the various international congresses occasionally held. These rules are laid down to take the personal bias out of decisions so that all must arrive at the same answer with the same data. This is slowly bringing order out of the chaos of the past 300 years but brings wails of anguish from the collector who must needs learn new names for old friends.

The principal authors consulted other than Doctors Britton and Rose were: A. Berger, T. Borg C. Osten, Curt Backeberg, W. T. Marshall, H. Bravo, P. Standley, E. J. Alexander, R. T. Craig and current literature. This leaves many important authors out but since the material with which I was concerned was amply covered by these workers other material would not have greatly changed the result.

Special mention must be given to the researches of Curt Backeberg of Germany. Mr. Backeberg collected extensively in South America and for the past 20 years has written voluminously on his findings. He has been particularly interested in bringing out the broader relationships. To do this he has created a multitude of pour groads a bring the guarantee. relationships. To do this he has created a multitude of new genera to bring the quarternary phyla into linear relationship. This is a great help to the serious student but unfortunately does not conform to present taxonomic practice. Thus the conflict created is purely one of philosophical concept and while one can always agree with Mr. Backeberg's intention he cannot conservatively always applaud the achievement. achievement.

The genera used in the following listings are those that for practical purposes have clarified for me rather than confused the issue. The specific names are as close as I can get from published data.

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VIEW IN SEEDLING GREENHOUSE

Most of our cacti are grown from seeds as only a few of the more robust growing kinds such as the Opuntiads and the few that offset as Mamillaria fragilis can economically be grown from cuttings. Though seeds germinate quickly the seedlings mature slowly generally taking about 2-3 years to characterize. Some of the Cerei etc. such as those used in dish-gardens or found in the dime stores may reach marketable size in a year. However most all the really desirable kinds take much longer to develop adult characters. Thus the Echinocacti start life bearing nipples like the Mamillarias and only later merge the nipples into their character stic ribbed growth.





SPECIMEN CACTI AND GROWING FRAMES

Across the road is seen part of a block of growing frames in which three quarters of a million small cacti are growing. Until they reach salable size they require rather constant attention not because of their fragility but because they must have optimum growing conditions to reach the required size within the time limit of their price bracket, otherwise the grower sustains a loss. Cacti are sold on a very close profit margin. profit margin.

THE GROWING OF CACTI

THE beginner in any field of endeavor is always at sea for until he has had some experience he has few points of reference. When he reads instructions he is liable to be quite annoyed at the author because of the generalness of the information. Just what does he mean by "moderate watering"? The author in turn is at a loss when he is asked, "How many ounces of water shall I give an Echinopsis and how often?" I have tried to explain what the result should be and the method we use to attain it and to explain the factors that you may meet with that influence the attainment. If one understands fundamentals, methods are less important and specific instructions even less so.

POTTING SOILS

F YOU are just growing a few cacti and succulents in ornamental dishes you may pot them up in almost any local soil. If they are not overwatered they will do quite well. Often you can buy a peck of potting soil from your local nurseryman. He generally will have quite suitable soils. The following remarks apply only to the serious grower and collector and the beginner may well overlook them.

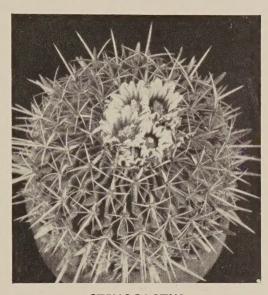
In mixing a cactus soil the principal aim should be to compose one through which water percolates reasonably fast. If after watering the water stands a few minutes before sinking in you may know it is considerably too "sticky". Sandy loam as a base is preferable. However in many parts of our country clay loams are predominant. Clay soils are composed of very fine particles and for best results should be loosened up with coarse sand and leafmold put through a 1/4" or 1/2" screen. Many growers are under the impression that good potting soils must be put through a fine screen but this is the opposite of the truth. Various things are used to break up sticky soils: Vermiculite, spongerock, brown peat moss are a few. They can be used successfully but my own preference is for leafmold, charcoal and coarse sand. Leafmolds vary greatly of course, depending upon the kinds of leaves used, The best leafmolds are from evergreen trees and shrubs, not conifers. Our sclerophyllous, western vegetation produces a very good quality of leafmold that does not break down too auickly.

The use of lime in the compost is recommended in regions of heavy rainfall. In dry regions it is not too important. Wet-country soils are liable to be on the acid side. Cacti and succulents are not too particular but seem to thrive best where the P. H. is not too low. A neutral or slightly alkaline soil seems to suit most species. Lime may be added as crushed oyster shells, washed eggshells or limestone chips. If we think soils are too acid we use hydrated lime in very small quantities.

The epiphytic cacti and many others will tolerate a slightly acid soil. A good rule of thumb is that those cacti which

have very strong, heavy spines or white spines are partial to a little lime. Also those with very hard, horny tubercles or ribs. All of these plants are found in quite dry and generally hot regions and the soils are not leached by heavy rains. Also these plants like a sandier compost and are less tolerant of overwatering.

An average good cactus soil may be made up as follows: 1 part loam, 1 part



STENOCACTUS

The Stenocacti are all very interesting and often handsome cacti. Their distinguishing characteristic is the great number of thin, narrow ribs. The flowers are all quite pretty and they bloom with great freedom in early spring. See page 18.

coarse sand, I part leafmold. If your loam is sticky add more sand. If the leafmold is blackish and powdery when dry, add more sand. A half part granulated charcoal is often helpful. If you want an alkaline soil add a handful of oystershells or limestone chips.

I have found that nursery raised plants do quite well in such a soil. Wild collected or imported Mexican plants often do much better in 2 parts coarse sand, 1 part leafmold with a scattering of charcoal. They will thrive in this for years. Such plants as Mexican Living Rock (Ariocarpus), Sand Dollar (Astrophytum), Pelecyphora, etc., like this treatment.

HOW TO POT CACTI AND SUCCULENTS

First select a pot of the right size. If the plant is of the ball type and under six inches in diameter use a pot just a little

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GROWING YARD

Larger plants are grown in "flats" (18"x18"x3" boxes) outdoors where they may receive the full benefit of direct sunlight under conditions which approximate culturally their native environment.

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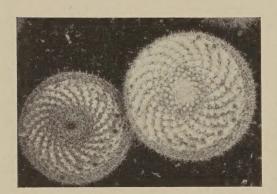
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CORAL CACTUS

The Coral Cactus is one of the prettiest of all with its circlet of bright red berries and charming cream colored flowers. The berries break through ripe and scarlet taking only a day or so to appear. Mamillaria Heyderi grows readily and fruits profusely. Mature 2-inch to 3-inch fruiting specimens.

75c and 50c



DIADEM CACTUS

From November to spring the lovely Mamillaria Werdermanniana bears its bright pomegranate-red blossoms nestling in a snowy crown of fine wool. They always attract a great deal of attention from visitors to our gardens. They are solitary up to 3" in diameter and are easy to grow in any sunny window. Nice 1" and 2" 50c and 35c

GENERAL LISTING

Mamillaria albescens. Near M. camptotricha. Clustering with flexible, whitish spines.......50c Mamillaria albiflora. A form of M. Herrerae.

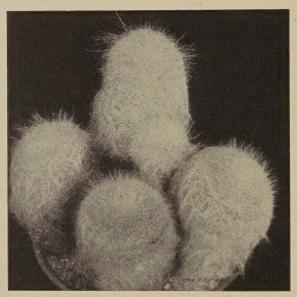
Mam. angularis. A fine variety near M. compressa but larger and with more white wool. Flowers large, red 2" - 3" 75c. Smaller 35c. 50c



ARE you familiar with the lovely Mamillarias? A collection of just this group alone will make a fascinating and colorful window garden. There are about 300 recognized species although almost 1000 have been described. Many species have innumerable forms as distinct in appearance as the species and these forms have been described by some botanists as species. The grower and collector, not too interested in the niceties of taxonomic distinctions, may do well to accept many of the synonyms as species. Otherwise he will miss many of the prettiest plants whose identity would be lost in an inclusive species.

The far greater number of Mamillarias (the technically correct spelling is Mammillaria) are native to the mountains and plains of Mexico. Many are found in the drier south and western states from Texas to California. Quite a number are found in Central America, Guatemala particularly, and south to Venezuela and Colombia in South America and the islands of the Carribbean Sea. They are widely distributed from the salty sands of the seacoast to six or eight thousand feet in the mountains. They may grow exposed on the mesas, seek shelter beneath the bushes, cling to the crevices of barranca walls or nestle indistinguishable amongst the pebbles, seen only when the rains bring forth their dainty blossoms.

They vary greatly in the color of their spines, some snowy white, others yellow, fulvous-red, black or grey. Some bear fine, closely interlocked spines so dense the green plant below cannot be seen, others have fish-hook centrals or stout, curved spines, some have fine, white silky hair, one bears eider down-like "feathers" in place of spines and some have stars of radial spines. Quite a few have charming blossoms and some bloom during winter. Some are solitary, others clustered and some form many headed mounds.



Mam. Bachmannii. A pretty species flowering freely and with much white wool in the areoles. Rare. $2'' - 2\frac{1}{2}$ " specimens \$1

Mam. Bertrandii. 1" - 11/2"..... Mam. bombycina. See illustration page 8.

Mam. Brandegeei. A Baja California species with creamy-white flowers and flattened biscuit-like form. 2" - 3"....75c

Mam. Bravoae. A very pretty white spined species recently named by Dr. Craig. The flowers are deep pink nestling in the white wool of the flowering axils. 2" 50c.

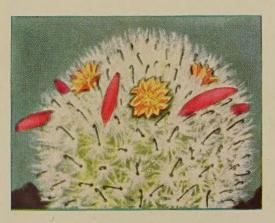


MAMILLARIA PSUEDOCRUCIGERA

A lovely plant with pure white very short spines and crowned with pink blossoms. The heads branch into two, three or four heads. 3" - 4" branched

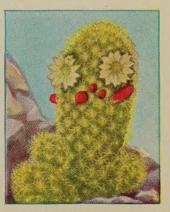


MAMILLARIA PERBELLA LANATA Handsome white species. Pink blos-oms. Nice bright plants, each..........356



POWDER PUFF (Mamillaria bocasana)

Like a bursting cotton boll! Snow white hair instead



LADY FINGERS

A dainty gem. Mamillaria elongata Schmollii is a bright mosaic of golden. harmless spines. Small clusters, 35c. 25c



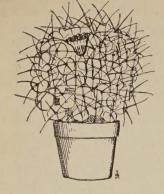
THIMBLE CACTUS



RUBY DUMPLING

Quick growing Mamillaria tetra-cantha has a hoary head from which the bright blossoms emerge. Nice plants,

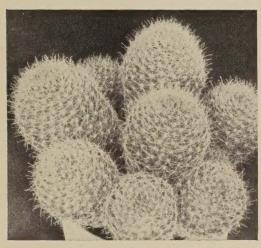
Mexican Jewel Collection No. Z1. The above 4 plants



THE CULTURE OF MAMILLARIAS

AMILLARIAS are among the simplest house plants to grow as they require no especial treatment. Most species do quite well in the window or greenhouse if given a light position and a moderate amount of ventilation when conditions permit. Like most cactive are more liable to be killed by kindness than by neglect. They do well in a loamy soil preferring sandy loams through which the water drains moderately quickly. A good soil mixture if your local, natural soils are sticky is 1 part loam, 1 part coarse sand or fine gravel, 1 part leafmold. If the loam you have is very clayey and sticky use more sand, up to two parts. Granulated charcoal is very useful also to relieve sticky loams. If you think pounded eggshells or oyster shells or limestone chips. Cacti in the wilds are often very tolerant of lime some growing where "caliche" (a term used in semidesert regions for a sort of limey hardpan) comes almost to the surface. I have found however that even these species do well in an almost neutral soil.

When potting spread the roots out carefully and sift almost dry soil between them. See that the base of the plant is about flush with the surface and that the surface is about ½ inch below the rim of the pot. Tap the pot on the table and press with your thumb to firm the soil. I prefer not to water for a week or so unless very hot and dry. Then water just enough so the pots will be dry in 5 - 7 days. Water again when dry. Don't keep your plants wet. Let them dry out between waterings.



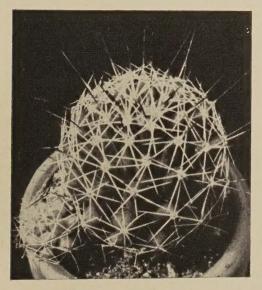
MAMILLARIA PYGMAEA

Mam.	Bullardiana	35c
Mam.	calacantha. A solitary plant with	age
reaching	3" in diameter and a foot in heigh	ght.
Nipples '	small, closely set and tipped with	25

to 35 yellow radial spines and 2-4 reddish centrals. A very pretty plant. Not common. Each

Mam. camptotricha. See page 6.

Mam. caput-medusae. Flowers pink......35c



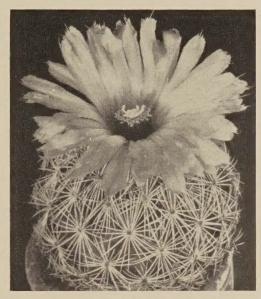
GNOMES PINCUSHION

A very satisfactory variety that flowers when quite small. Mam. decipiens branches profusely soon being almost smothered in youngsters. Very easy to grow and flower. The young plants may be detached and root up quickly. Large 50c.

CACTUS FOOD

A very effective food for cacti with a good organic base, the ingredients of which are blended and proportioned to help your plants make normal, matured growth.

12	ounce	bag.	Post	Paid50c
2	pound	bag.	Post	Paid\$1.00



CORYPHANTHA RADIANS

Mam. carnea. A vigorous, bright green plant with pyramidal, angled nipples and 4-5 stout spines but lacking radials. Flowers pink. A free bloomer. 2" 50c, $1 - 1\frac{1}{2}$ ".....35c

Mam. Celsiana. See page 7.

Mam. centricirrha. Page 8.

Mam. compressa. See page 7.

Mam. dealbata. Page 9.

Mam. dumetorum. A form of M. Schiediana.

Mam, ebenecantha.....

Mam. echinaria. A very pretty plant closely allied to M. elongata, but with 1-2 centrals. Golden yellow spines, it soon forms handsome clusters. Give it a quite sandy soil. 2" - 3" 35c

Mam. elegans. A very popular variety with very numerous small nipples tipped with 20-30 chalk-white radial spines and 2-4 centrals tipped brown or black. Flowers red from January on. Large flowering 3" **75c.** 11/2" - 2" **50c**

Mam. elegans potosina. A larger form. 21/2"-



ROSE PINCUSHION

Mam, elongata Schmollii. A miniature form of M. elongata with more slender stems and fine radial spines generally paler yellow in color. It flowers during January, February and March and again later in the year. Branches very freely. An elegant small specimen plant as perfect as a jewel. 2" - 21/2" branching 35c.

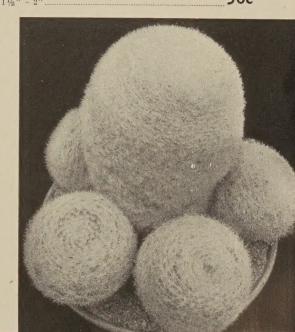


GOLDEN STARS

SNOWBALL PINCUSHION

Mamillaria candida

An exquisite plant of purest where the tops tinged pink at times. The nipples are tipped with over 50 white radials and up to a dozen centrals. The plants may reach 4" in diameter and 6" tall and often have several heads in a cluster. They prefer a quite sandy soil and should not be overwatered. Give them a sunny place in the window.





COTTON CACTUS

Mamillaria longicoma is covered with woolly white hair arising from the axils between the nipples which are tipped with 25 or more hair-like radials. One of the 4 central spines is hooked. Flowers are pinkish white followed by long, curving, red seed pods. Likes a light place in the window. Will take shade if not overwatered. Flowering 2" specimens 50c.

35c

Mam. fragilis minima. Page 8.

Mam. Galeotii. A very pretty plant and one that grows quickly into a large specimen. Nipples large and few, tipped with long, yellow, flexuous spines. Flowers orange-red followed by long, dark red fruits. Nice plants 2" - 2½".

Mam. Herrerae. Plants look like golf balls! Small and pure white. Quite rare and very attractive. 1'' - 11/2'' \$1

Mam. hidalgensis. A tall growing species with many nipples tipped with 2 - 4 centrals with radials often lacking. The flowering crown is filled with white wool among which the bright carmine flowers make an effective display. The fruits are dark carmine. A quick grower. Nice.

Mam. Hoffmanniana. Page 9.

Mam. Karwinskiana. The heads of this species fork, eventually forming a rounded mound. Nipples large and angled, tipped with 4-6 stout, radial spines. Flowers creamy white, petals with carmine midline. 2" 50c. 1"-

Mam. Kelleriana. A recently described species with many nipples terminated with 6 dark brown radials and sometimes 1 central. Flowers bright magenta. Fruit scarlet.



Mamillaria psuedoperbella



ESCOBARIA CHAFFEYI

35c

Mam, Kunzeana. A clusmam. Runzeana. A clustering species with white, hair-like radials and 3-4 centrals the lower hooked. Flowers cream to pink. Seed pods red. 2" 50c. Nice.....35c

Mam. Lesaunieri. A bright, fiery crimson flower. Plant dark green. Central spines 1-4 radials 11 - 13. 2" - 3" **75c**

Mam. Lloydii. Plants flattopped with short nipples tipped with 3 - 4 radials. Flowers pale pink. Each $1\frac{1}{2}$ " **40c**

Mam. macracantha. The plant we have under this name has bright red flowers and short ovoid, angled nipples. Very pretty when in flower with its white wool. 3" 75c. 2"..........50c



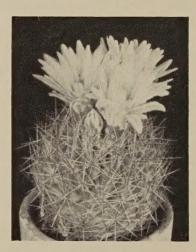
GRAPE CACTUS

A dainty, tiny cactus bearing an end-less number of "pups" each one of which will grow. Mamillaria multiceps grows easily in sun or shade. Yellow flowers and scarlet fruits. 25c

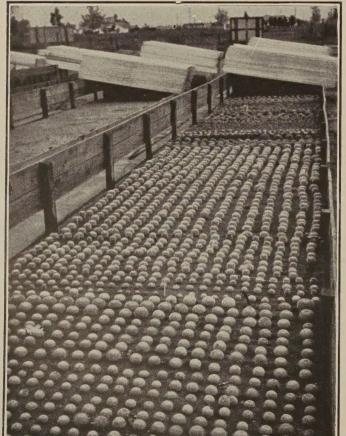
BUTTER PINCUSHION



ensis. Each.......50c
Mam. multiceps.
A small, much
branched plant with cream flowers, scar



CORYPHANTHA ECHINUS



Mam. melanacentra. A strong growing, vigorous plant with large pale, blue-green, angled nipples tipped with one long, black central and 7 - 9 black-ish radials. Flowers bell-shaped, deep pink and quite large. 3" \$1. 2" 50c. Small.......35c

microhelia. A very handsome solitary spe cies with, each nipple surmounted by a star of 50 bright yellow radial spines and on younger nipples 1 - 2 erect centrals, red to brown. Flowers cream often tinged pink. A lovely plant that should be in often tinged pink. A lovel every collection. 50c and...

Mam. microheliopsis. Similar to M. microhelia in color and habit but with 6 - 8 centrals and 30 - 40 yellow radial spines. Very pretty and elegant. 1" 25c

Mam. pentacantha. A variety imported from Cade-

Mam. phaeacantha. A fine, quick growing plant, dark green with dark brown to black spines. White wool at flowering axils. Red flowers. 2" - 3" — 50c



BIRDS NEST

Feathery curling yellow spines that are papery, soft and harmless. The plant is much given to clustering. Mamillaria camptotricha grows well in sun or shade. 2" each 50c. Nice 35c and.....



MAMILLARIA CELSIANA

An attractive species with yellow spines each nipple with a woolly axil. Flowers bright, red-pink. With age it forms most beautiful, large clusters. Though it grows easily it is not a common plant.

Mam. phymatothele. Plants solitary, fast growing, dark green with dark spines. Flowers bright red nestling in a crown of white wool. An attractive, easily grown plant. 2" - 3" 60c. Smaller.

Mam. polyedra. Rare.....

Mam. polythele. A quick growing species with 1 - 5 centrals tipping each nipple. Flowers bright rosy carmine. Easily grown. Each.......25c



MAMILLARIA FRAGILIS PROLIFERA

A new Thimble cactus with dark central spine, pink-ish flowers and an abundance of youngsters. Quite distinct from the others and of very dwarf growth. Like them each one of its numerous progeny will root even if left lying on the soil.

Mamillaria Pringlei columnaris. 5" each \$1.25

Mamillaria perbella. Cylindric plants closely packed with small nipples and short white spines. Very attractive with the nipples arranged in 13 and 21 spirals. The axils bear white wool and carmine-red blossoms. Each 35c

Mamillaria pygmaea. Page 5.

Mamillaria pyrrhocephala. Flame Pincushion. One of my favorites because of its almost constant blooming habit. The flowers are quite large and of a very brilliant, deep crimson. I have had it flower at almost every season. Flowers when small. 2" - 21/2" 75c. Nice plants

Mam. ocotillensis. A rare new species. Flattened globular body. Centrals 1 to 3, radial spines 2 - 4. 2" — 75c Smaller......35c

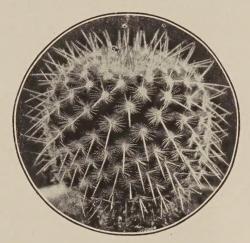
Mam. rhodantha. Page 8.

Mam. rhodantha chrysantha. Page 9.

Mam. rhodantha rubra. A short spined var

Mam. rhodantha sulphurea. Page 9.

Mam. Ritteriana. Plant simple, globular. Central spines 1 - 2 brown to black, radials 18 - 20 pure white. Flowers white, striped pink. Fruit red. Each....



OWL'S EYES

A well known plant to fanciers Mamillaria Parkinsonii has snowy white spines and should be in every collection. It branches by forking the heads dividing into 2-3 or 4. In mature plants the lower central spine becomes quite pronounced.

Handsome 50c and 35c

Johnson's Vitamin B1 Tablets FOR USE IN ANY SOIL

Works miracles on cacti often bringing re-fractory plants into bloom. Particularly val-uable to stimulate new root growth after transplanting.

New double strength tablets. Bottle of 75 tablets. 50c



OLD LADY CACTUS Mamillaria Hahniana

Mam. Schiedeana. One of the very choice species and very scarce. The tiny, conic nipples bear up to 75 hair-like radials, golden yellow in color. Very attractive. Small each..........50c

Mam. Schmollii. See page 8.

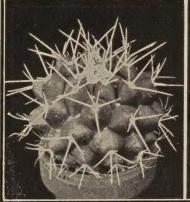
Mam. Seideliana. A rare and attractive hookspined species. Centrals 3 - 4, lower long and hooked. Radials 18 - 25 straight. Flowers yellow to white. It quickly branches and forms nice clusters. 75c and 50c

Mam. Shurliana. A rare new species from Baja California. Mature collected plants......75c

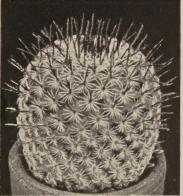
Mam. sonorensis Hiltonii. A variety of this very variable species with large, brilliant carmine-red blossoms. Nipples large, quadrangular, bluish green. Late winter bloomer. 75c and 50c

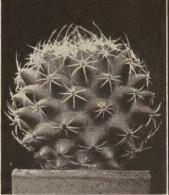
Mam. spinosissima. A very handsome species with spines ranging from white to ruby red.
Plants solitary, columnar the spines so dense as to almost hide the plant. Should not be over-watered. 75c and 50c

Mam. sphacelata. A rare cespitose species 50c



MOTHER OF HUNDREDS





PINCUSHION

Manillaria Kewensis

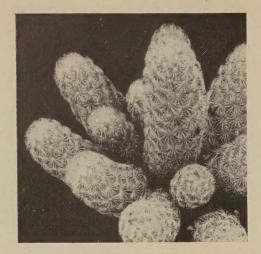
A rapid growing species of solitary habit soon forming a most attractive flowering specimen. It will reach almost a foot in height. When flowering the upper axils are filled with white wool in which are the freely borne, crimson flowers. 1½" - 2" 50c. Smaller 35c

25c



CACTUS WINDOWS

A view of two windows in the living room of Mrs. Freddenna Stump of Ligonier, Indiana. As may be seen Mrs. Stump grows her plants very well. She has been most pleased with the orders received from us.



LADY FINGERS

One of the daintiest of all Mamillaria elongata tenuis has bright yel.ow spine clusters tipping each nipple. Branches very freely from the base. Blooms in February and March and also later in the season. Well grown specimens will have scores of arms which maintain their clear, pale yellow color for many years. Often produce 5 - 10 arms the first season.

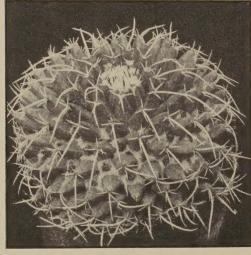
25c

Mamillaria trichacantha. A very pretty and free flowering species. The plant branches freely the dark green nipples bearing chestnut

Mam. Trohartii. A distinct variety of M. phymatothele with large nipples tipped by 1 - 2 centrals and 3 - 7 radials. Flowers deep carmine red. Very attractive. 2"—50c. Smaller 35c

Mam. uncinata. A fine species, flattened-

Mam. Vaupelii. See page 7.



BIRDS FOOT PINCUSHION

Mam. viperina. A rare species, very slender, at first upright but later creeping. At first it might be taken for M. elongata but is quite distinct. 1" - 2" each............75c

Mam. Webbiana. From central Mexico. Stems solitary, cylindric the axils with wool at flowering. Large 1½" - 2"

Mam. Zahniana. Plant simple, depressed-globose with large, deep green nipples, keeled ventrally, tipped with 4 short, stout radial spines. Flowers pale yellow. Makes a nice specimen plant. In the wilds during the dormant season it is almost flush with the ground. 1½" — 50c.

Mam. Zeilmanianna. See page 5.

Mam. zephyranthoides. A rare species of not too easy culture. Plant flattened-globose with large, few, soft green tubercles tipped with 1 hooked central and 12 - 18 hairlike radials. Flowers large, white with carmine stripe.

Mam. Zeyeriana. A dark-spined, globular plant with pale, bluish-green tubercles tipped with 4 long, acicular, chestnut brown central spines the upper porrect. Radial spines about 10. Flowers red-orange with yellow margin to the petals. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2" — 50c. Smaller.....35c



RAINBOW PINCUSHION

A popular plant M. rhodantha varies greatly in color from pale yellow to dark red. Flowers are bright red. Grows quickly and easily. 3" — 75c. Smaller 2" — 50c. Nice 35c

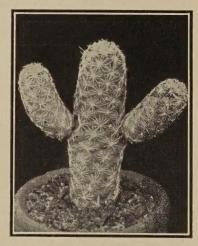


SILKEN PINCUSHION

Perhaps the loveliest of all Mamillarias. Certainly one of the most sought after. Its handsome, lacy spine pattern is exquisite in its perfection. It is a fish-hook variety bearing quantities of white wool and pretty pink flowers. 2½" - 3" \$1.50. Smaller \$1



MAMILLARIA BUCARELIENSIS



JELLY BEANS

A cute variety of the Thimble cactus Mam. fragilis minima bears 25cmany branches.



MAMILLARIA SCHMOLLII



PEANUT CACTUS

PINCUSHION

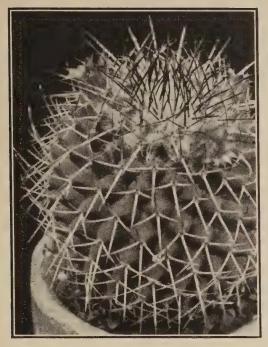
BIRD'S NEST Yellow spines. 35c

FLOWER Curious. 25c

XMAS CHEER Red Tipped. 25c

FLOWERING PINCUSHION

Handsome carmine red flowers.



MAMILLARIA PHAEACANTHA

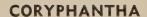
DOLICHOTHELE

A genus close to Mamillaria differing in the size of the tubercles and that they are not arranged in two spinal series. The flowers are also larger and always yellow.

Dolichothele longimamma. Long, soft, green tubercles. Each....

Dolichothele Ludwigii. A very large species up to 3" or more in diameter. Each small....\$1

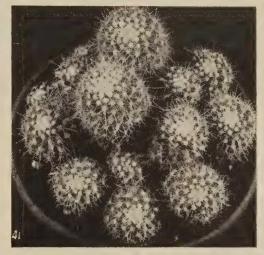
Dolichothele sphaerica. See page 6 for illustration. A fine species with butter yellow blossoms. Stands considerable cold. **35c** and....**25c**



This genus differs from Mamillaria in having grooved tubercles (nipples) and flowers borne at the base of the young tubercles and, in general, having much larger flowers. The fruits are green, very mucilaginous; seeds mostly large and always

Culture. Same as Mamillaria but often larger pots are required as many have long, thick tap-roots. If roots become very large they may be cut back to within an inch or so of the plant base, the plant dried a couple of weeks and rerooted. Generally they like a sunny location. They bloom quite freely during summer.

Coryphantha Andreae. Small plants3	5 c
Coryphantha asterias. Small3	5 c
Coryphantha Bergeriana. Small3	5 c
Coryphantha bumamma. A large growing speci	
with very large, rounded nipples. Flowers brig	ht Oc



YELLOW PINCUSHION

Mamillaria rhodantha sulphurea has pale, clear yellow spines and becomes a very handsome specimen. It is a quick, easy grower and does very well under a great variety of conditions. Flowers are red and borne during late spring. Each nipple is tipped by clusters of long, curved spines. At first solitary later clustering. Nice plants.

35c.



Mamillaria rhodantha chrysacantha



ESCOBARIA

The Escobarias look much like Mamillarias but bear their flowers at the base of the young tubercles. Tubercles grooved, fruit red. Culture as in Mamillaria.



FISH HOOK PINCUSHION

An extremely free flowering species Mamillaria Wildii is always a favorite. The spines are harmless, one tiny hooked one tops each nipple. Flowers quite freely during a long period in the summer. The small, red seed pods are very bright. Grows and flowers in sun or shade. Sandy soil with moderate waterings. Large 4 years old flowering plants 2½" - 3"

25c

Coryphantha clava. A tall growing species clustering with age. Flowers pale yellow in summer. Large plants 5" - 8" 75c to.......\$1.50
Coryphantha difficilis. Small.............35c Coryphantha durangensis. 3" - 4" 75c. Small

Coryphantha erecta. Handsome golden yellow spined species. Short nipples tipped with 8-14 radial spines, 2 centrals. Makes handsome clusters. 5"—75c. 2½"-3"........50c

Coryphantha Georgii. A free flowering species with almost white flowers. Blooms when small. 3" - 4" — 75c. Small. 35c Coryphantha gladiispina. Small 35c Coryphantha macromeris. A long-nippled

Coryphantha macromeris. A long trape of the control of the corporation of the corp of the

flowers Small Coryphantha Vaupelii. Small.....

NEOLLOYDIA

COCHEMIEA

A distinct genus with scarlet, elongated, zygomorphic flowers. Tubercles not grooved. Fruit naked. Culture; very well drained soil and care in watering. Sunny location.

		Rare	\$1
		Rare	75c
Cochemeia	setispinus.	. Rare	50c



MAMILLARIA MARTINEZII



MAMILLARIA DEALBATA



MAMILLARIA KARWINSKIANA

A splendid species with dichotomously branching, deep green heads and cream colored flowers with a pink stripe down each petal. Club shaped scarlet berries. Easy to grow. 2"—50e.

35c



MAMILLARIA HOFFMANNIANA



ASTROPHYTUM

This Mexican genus though it has only a few species contains some of the most widely known and grown kinds. They are extremely satisfactory growing well under many kinds of treatment. They characterize when very small and their odd, graven forms and the freedom with which most bear their cheerful blossoms ensure them a place in every collection.

Culture. They need an open sandy soil and a very light or sunny position. Moderate waterings when dry.

Astrophytum asterias. Sand Dollar. Page 18. Astrophytum capricorne. See Page 11.

Astrophytum capricorne major. A supposedly larger form. 50c and......35c

Astrophytum capricorne minor. A smaller

Astrophytum capricorne senilis. The spines

NOTOCACTUS MAMMULOSUS

This favorite has handsome, bright yellow flowers. Surprisingly floriferous and easily grown. Enjoys light loam, moderate waterings. Sun or light position. Nice 2-inch, 2½-inch, 75c.

Smaller, 50c and 35c



ECHINO FASCINATING

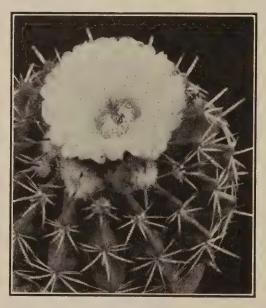
THIS large group of cacti is a very fascinating one to the collector. I have included here also members of the Echinocereanae as they are mostly of the globular type of stem. The exigencies of catalog building prevent one at times from adhering to a strict botanical interpretation. Those included are Rebutia, Lobivia, Mediolobivia, Echinopsis. From the Coryphanthanae: Ancistrocactus, Thelocactus, Pelecyphora, Solisia, etc.

The plants are found from the Canadian border south to Patagonia. Only Cactus (Melocactus) is found in both North and South America. Some of the genera are widely distributed, others are quite local. Some are quite distinct in character while many, through gradations, merge into one another as Lobivia, Rebutia, Echinopsis and Trichocereus. Thus one can always find plenty of material for extrement. terial for argument.

As the illustrations show there is a great diversity in the appearance of the plants and in their flowers. Many have strikingly beautiful blossoms, brightly colored and of many hues the petals often like satin or crumpled silk. Mostly they are not gigantic plants but small from the size of a walnut to that of a large orange though a few with great age become columnar to the height of a man. Most have ridges though some bear tubercles or the ridges are divided into "chins." The flowers are generally borne from the central areoles which distinguish them from the Echinocereanae which flower from lateral or side areoles. In most cases the flowers are regular or wheel-shaped though a few South American genera have zygomorphic or irregular flowers. A great many new plants have been found in the past 20 years and many more are to be expected as new regions are opened up for travel.

EPITHELANTHA

Small pure white plants with tiny nipples and short white spines. The blossoms are borne on the young nipples and are followed by clavate red fruits. Epithelantha micromeris.....35c



COLUMBIAN BALL

Malacocarpus Vorwerkianus is a small, flat-topped, deeply ridged plant seldom exceeding 3 inches in diameter. Flowers sulphur-yellow with satiny petals. Flowering size 4 years, 1½-inch, 2-inch, 2-inch

Astrophytum myriostigma. Bishops Cap Illustrated Page 14.

Astrophytum myriostigma coahuilensis. A white variety generally of smaller growth than the type. 1½" - 2" — 75c and......\$1

Astrophytum myriostigma columnaris. A very distinct, tall, slender variety. A quick grower. 50c and......\$1

..35c

Astrophytum ornatum. Star Cactus. A handsome species flecked with white the ridges with stout, curving, yellow spines. Flowers large, scented, lemon yellow. 2"—— 50c. Smaller... .35c

Astrophytum ornatum Mirbellii. More heavily white-flecked than the type. Nice.

AREQUIPA

A small distinct genus from southern Peru chiefly around Arequipa a beautiful city, 8,500 feet at the foot of the volcanic cone of 19,000 foot El Misti. Globular to cylindric plants with tubular, zygomorphic, red flowers with scaly, hairy tubes. Nearest Oroya and Matucana.



LOBIVIA HERTRICHIANA



GYMNOCALYCIUM VENTURIANUM HYBRIDS

These lovely forms of G. Venturianum are exquisite. They vary in flower color from pale pink to scarlet and crimson and are truly as pretty in blossom as any cacti I know. Like many Chin Cacti they flower for months during spring and summer. Very easy to grow, liking sun or a light situation. Moderate water. Flowering 1½-inch-2-inch, 75c and \$1.

CACTUS

BARREL CACTI

CULTURE:



WITH such a very diverse group only general rules can be given. However almost all of them can be grown under practically the same conditions with very slight changes of routine. We grow them all together in the same frames and flat-yards allowing a little shade here or a bit more water, or perhaps missing a watering now and then for those intolerant of too much water. The same compost is used for all. Even in a window garden you will find considerable variety in exposure, enough so the thoughtful grower can arrange his plants to the best advantage. It is often surprising what a small shift in position can sometimes do for a plant. A little closer to the glass or perhaps a foot away from it to the right or to the left of the window a shalf at the middle. from it, to the right or to the left of the window, a shelf at the middle or one at sill level; all have different possibilities and effects on your plants. Don't expect great changes in a few days but a little experimenting will show you what to expect from each situation.

A soil the same as for the Mamillarias will do nicely. Water when dry, never saturate them unless perhaps the plants are pot-bound. They should dry out in less than a week. When planting see that the base is about flush with the soil. If the base is deeply covered you are courting disaster. Newly planted specimens should be allowed a week or so without water to allow the roots to heal. More plants are ruined by kindness than periods! by kindness than neglect!

RED CROWN

ERIOSYCE

A Chilean and Argentine genus of Echino-cactus-like growth and red campanulate flowers. Seed pods spiny.

Eriosyce Korethroides. An Argentine plant with yellowish spines. Very scarce. 3"-4" \$3.50



LOBIVIA BREVIFLORA

LEUCHTENBERGIA PRINCIPIS

A strange Mexican plant more like an Agave than a cactus. Very long, slender nipples tipped with papery ribands from which the flowers curious. 50c and....



ECHINOPSIS LEUCORHODANTHA

ARIOCARPUS

An extremely slow growing group from Mexico bearing horny tubercles instead of ridges. The flowers are very pretty, white or violet-red. They come from very arid regions. They are best potted in sand with some leafmold added. Do not overwater. Limestone chips or tracked extracted as a peleful to add to the crushed oystershells are helpful to add to the compost.

Ariocarpus fissuratus. Page 10.

Ariocarpus furfuraceus. A fine large species with short triangular acute, grey green tubercles the axils with much wool. Flowers white to pink. Large flowering specimens each.......\$2

Ariocarpus Kotschoubeyanus. A handsome smaller species with flat top and hardly raised tubercles with wool in axils. Flowers bright violet rose. Mature flowering.........\$1.25

Ariocarpus Lloydii. A large and distinct variety of A. fissuratus. Mature flowering.....\$1.50

Ariocarpus Macdowellii. A variety of A. Kotschoubeyanus, Mature flowering each \$1.25

Ariocarpus retusus. A large, flat-topped species with very short, triangular tubercles. Flowers pale pink. Large flowering each......\$2

Ariocarpus scapharostrus. A distinct species long, erect, grey-white triangular tubercles. Flowers violet-rose. Flowering each............\$2



ASTROPHYTUM CAPRICORNE

The handsomest flowered of this genus. Blossoms 2 inches and 3 inches in diameter, richly colored. The plants are very attractive with spiralled ribs, spineless or with few curling papery spines. Plant body dotted or mottled with patches of white, rayed scales. Flowers when small.
3-year-old plants 50c and..........

NEOPORTERIA

(Chilenia)

This genus as now understood contains many fine plants of rather diverse relationships. It is a poorly defined group and needs much more field work. It is closely related to Pyrrhocactus, Malacocarpus and Notocactus. It was erected by Britton and Rose and the original characterization was very loose. Plants globose to cylindric with tubercled ribs; short-funnelform pink or red flowers; scaly, wool and bristle bearing tubes and ovaries. Fruit dehiscing by a basal pore. All Chilean. Neoporteria atrispina. Ready in 1952.....40c

Neoporteria accutissima. Long funnelform, pink flowers. Very spiny. Flowering $2\frac{1}{2}$ " - $\frac{3}{2}$ " Neoporteria castanioides. Rare. 2" each....\$1 Neoporteria fusca. Ready 1952.....40c Neoporteria heteracantha. Very lovely pink flowers in early spring $2'' - 2\frac{1}{2}''$ flowering \$1. $1\frac{1}{2}'' - 50c$. 1'' - 35cNeoporteria napina. 1952..... Neoporteria nidus. Ready in fall. Small....\$1 Neoporteria nigricans x heteracantha. 1952 Neoporteria nigrihorrida.....35c

ORANGE COB CACTUS





VIOLET SEA URCHIN

ECHINOPSIS

The plants in this genus are among the most satisfactory and handsome in bloom of all cacti. The blossoms of all are quite large opening in the evening and remaining open till late morning or, on cloudy days, all day. Plants globose to cylindric; ribs continuous or chinned; flowers lateral, funnelform, often with a very long tube; perianth segments generally spreading, white pink, orange pink to dark red; flower tube, ovary and fruit with scales, the axils hairy. Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia. Closely related to Trichocereus and Lobivia.

CULTURE. Most are vigorous, strong rooted plants and like a porous, rich, loamy soil and ample water during the growing period. They will take a moderate amount of shade.

Echinopsis	Bridgesii, 2'	,	75c
Echinopsis	calochlora.	A really	handsome
plant bright			
low spines at			
attractive. 2"	′ - 3″ — 75 c	. Smaller 50	c and 35c
Echinopsis	campylacan	tha. 1" - 11	/2"35c
Echinopsis	Eyriesii. 1"	- 11/2"	35c
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Large.			
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many short-1			
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Echinopsis leucantha. Page 15.



Echinopsis obrepanda amoena. This variety recently received from Bolivia bears lovely clear pink or orange pink blossoms. 3" - 4" speci-..\$2 mens. Echinopsis oxygona. Pink flowers. 50c and 35c Echinopsis paraguayensis. Pink. Nice.......50c Echinopsis paraguayensis brevispina. 1" 35c Echinopsis rhodotricha argentinensis. Lilac Easter Lily. Blue-green, globular stems; pale lilac flowers. Red fruits. 3" - 4" \$1. 2" - 2\frac{1}{2}" ...25c

Echinopsis turbinata. A fine, vigorous species with very short spines and many white flowers.



GOLDEN BALL



SACRED MUSHROOM

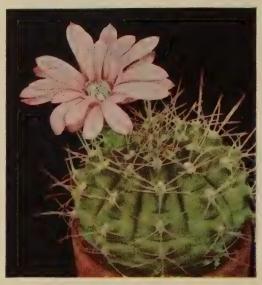
A Living Rock from Mexico, smooth, bright, slate-blue and spineless. For centuries our Indians have used Lophophora Williamsii in religious rituals as a narcotic producing an illusion of colors. Pink blossoms. Likes sandy soil, moderate waterings. Mature imported plants, 1½ inches to 2½ inches, 50c 50c

Lophophora Ziegleri, each...

AT LEFT



NOTOCACTUS TABULARIS



PINK CHIN CACTUS

Gymnocalycium Fleischerianum (3/5 natural size)
A very floriferous variety with charming flowers varying from white to pink. They come into bloom in April and flower till early fall. The plants begin to blossom when an inch in diameter and reach 3" across. Grows rapidly liking a rich loam soil. Semi-shade and plenty of water during summer. Fine 3 year old 2½" 75c. Flowering 1½" - 2"

50c and 35c

PARODIA MUTABILIS

(Natural size)





ROSE PLAID CACTUS

This is a very dainty small Chin Cactus quite brightly banded in copper green and cream. The blossoms are large in proportion to the plant and are very freely borne throughout late spring and summer up to quite cold weather. Even small plants carry flowers far large than themselves. Gymnocalycium Friederickii's blossoms are a lovely shade of pink. Though flowering size plants are easily grown it will always be scarce as small plants are very slow in growth. 4 year old

35c

Echinopsis Heavenly Twins. Pale pink twin flowers. 50c and. Echinopsis Johnson's Hybrid. A lovely, frilled, dark pink flowers. Very free in bloom. Each 50c

Echinopsis Los Angeles. Large, handsome, frill-

Echinopsis Makla. Pale pink hybrid.....

ECHINOCACTUS

One of the oldest cactus genera. Described first in 1827, to which many plants now placed in other genera were originally assigned. As defined by Britton and Rose only those with pungent, persistent, scales on the flower tubes and with fruit densely covered with white wool, remain in the genus. Globular or cylindric plants with few to many ribs, top clothed with wool. Some grow to immense size, up to 3 meters high and must weigh many hundred pounds.

Echinocactus Grusonii. Golden Barrel. Page 14

Echinocactus horizonthalonius. Page 14.

Echinocactus ingens. A large, globular species with many ribs which increase in number with age. When plants reach 3" in diameter they, like the following species, become beautifully banded with purple. $1"-1\sqrt{2}"$35c

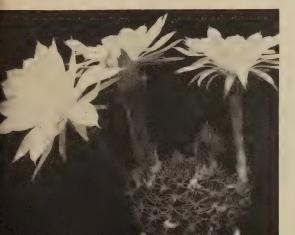
Echinocactus Palmeri. As a young plant similar to E. ingens. 1"-1½"......350

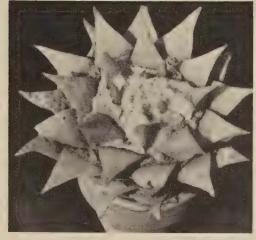
AZTEKIUM

A monotypic genus from Mexico of very peculiar aspect. Plants 11/2" - 2" in diameter, globose-depressed with 9-11 low ribs, no spines and peculiarly furrowed horizontally. Flowers long-tubed, pink. Extremely slow in growth. Plant in sand with a little leaf-mold or in powdered slate and sand. Full sun.

Aztekium Ritteri. Mature imports.....\$2

ECHINOPSIS HAMATACANTHA





ARIOCARPUS RETUSUS



LOBIVIA NEALEANA



WALLFLOWER CROWN

The Rebutias are very lovely small flowering plants. The blossoms come out from the base or older areoles and the plants flower over a very long period. Rebutia Kupperiana is very attractive particularly when the young spines are forming for they are half bright yellow, halfdark brown against the copper green of the plant body. They cluster freely but never become very large. Give them plenty of water and a sunny or light position.

35c



INDIAN HEAD

The flower buds appear as twists of cocoa brown fur which swell and burst some morning into widely expanded, glittering yellow blossoms, the red tipped stigma surrounded by minute stamens which roll down tightly when a bee lands in their midst. Notocactus Ottonis is remarkable in that it blooms from spring till fall. 2" \$1.1½" flowering plants 50c.

FEROCACTUS

This fine genus, the true Barrel Cacti, was split off from Echinocactus by Britton and Rose because of the lack of felt in the crown and the naked scales of the tube and ovary. The plants when young are globular, later becoming tall-cylindric. Ribs numerous, acute; areoles felted with stout, straight or hooked spines often brightly colored. They need a light, sandy soil (heavy clay soils remain wet too long), moderate watering and a sunny position.

Ferocactus alamosanus. A fine species.

Ferocactus coloratus. A handsome Baja California species. 2"......50c Ferocactus Covillei. 2" 50c. 1"......35c

Ferocactus glaucescens. Blue Barrel, Plant body becomes blue-white with light yellow, curved spines, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2" **50c.** Smaller......**35c**

Ferocactus Herrerae. A giant up to 6' tall.

Ferocactus latispinus. (cornigerus). A fine easily grown plant.

Ferocactus melocactiformis. (electracanthus).

STAR CACTUS





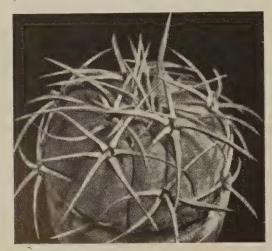
STRAWBERRY CACTUS

Ferocactus peninsulae. Red Spines50c
Ferocactus Pringlei. Areoles with straw-color-
ed long hair-like radials35c
Ferocactus rectispinus. Giant Spined Barrel.
In mature plants spines up to 10"50c
Ferocactus robustus. Individual plants about
4" but form many-headed clusters. 3"75c
Ferocactus viridescens. Small, flat-topped
species 2" — 50c
Ferocactus viscaenensis. Handsome bright red
hooked centrals which become flat and wide
with age $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2" — 50c. Smaller 35c
Ferocactus Wislizeni. Candy Barrel35c

GYMNOCALYCIUM

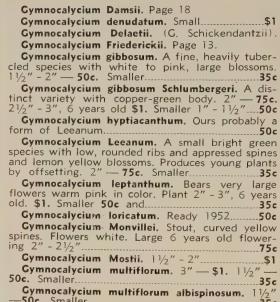
Gymnocalycium Bodenbenderianum, Pale pink 35c

\$1. Smaller



EAGLE CLAWS

An old favorite bearing handsome frilled, pink flowers in summer. Echinocactus horizonthalonius has a woolly crown, few rounded ribs and recurved, heavy, pink or red spines with pale silver-grey or blue body. Full sun, very sandy soil. Large 3½" - 4½" 75c. 2" - 2½".



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BISHOP'S CAP

A well known plant that should be in every collection. Very easy to grow. Flowers when small. Astrophytum myriostigma has a long blooming period. Plant white, spineless. Light soil, moderate watering, light or sunny position. 1½" - 2" — 50c.

Nice plants.



FRAILEA

At the left is Frailea gracillima the only slender species which grows to finger size. At the right is Frailea Grahliana a globular form with nipples tipped with maroon. This little plant produces many youngsters which root to make a

Frailea pumila. Scarce. Each..... .50c

Frailea Schilinzkyana. Clustered tiny plants. Flowering.



RAINBOW CACTUS



GOLDEN BARREL

PORFIRIA

A small genus related to Mamillaria but is distinguished by a protruding ovary. Nipples small, tipped with tiny white radials. Plant flat-topped, small 1" - 11/2" generally solitary. Flowers pink; fruit clavate, bright red. Sandy soil, not too much water.

Porfiria Schwartzii. Mature plants......75c

YELLOW BALL





NEOPORTERIA NIGRIHORRIDA

A scarce and charming, very spiny cactus producing a myriad of bright pink blossoms in winter. Plant body often dark or almost black, spines silvery gray to black. A most attractive plant at all times. Give this Chilian plant a sandy soil, moderate waterings and a sunny or very light position.

Small.

35c

Cymnocalycium occultum. Similar to G. Quehlianum. 2"— **75c.** Smaller......**35c**

 $\frac{1}{2}$, 6 years old \$1. Shaher... **Gymnocalycium Pflanzii.** $\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2", \$1 and 75c

Gymnocalycium Quehlianum. Page 12.

Cymnocalycium saglione, 2" — 75c. Small

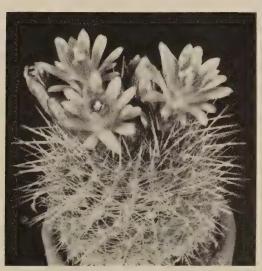
Gymnocalycium Schickendantzii. White Chin. Page 17. A fine, strong growing species with dark coppery-green body, sharp ribs and heavy, curved spines. Free flowering the white blossoms often from lateral areoles. Reaches 3"-4" in diameter. 3" 75c. 2" 50c. Smaller.....35c

Gymnocalycium Venturianum. Flowers bright shades of red up to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches across. A very lovely plant reaching $2'' - 2\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, biscuit shaped with harmless spines. 2'' - 75c. Smaller 50c and.....

GYMNOCACTUS

A recent genus set up by C. Backeberg to accommodate some aberrant species of Thelocactus and Neolloydia.

Gymnocactus Cielsdorfianus. A small, gray-



HAMATOCACTUS

A small genus near Ferocactus with narrow tubed, funnelform flowers with broad limb, scales on ovary few, fugacious, small, naked in axils. Fruit red or green, one species dehiscing by a basal pore the other fleshy. Plants strongly ribbed; one central spine hooked, often long, with many radials.

Hamatocactus hamatacanthus. A pretty flower-

Hamatocactus setispinus. Page 14. Strawberry

ISLAYA

A genus erected by C. Bakeberg in 1934 for a small Southwest Peruvian plant related to Malacocarpus, none of which are found on the western side of the Andes. Plant globose-cylindric, ribs to 25, areoles felted, crown woolly, flowers short-funnelform, seed pods very distinct, pink, quickly exerted to 2½", inflated, with a few medium sized seeds. Easily grown but do not overwater. overwater.

Islaya bicolor. A new species found by John Akers. Plant coppery, flowers brown-yellow. Each

Islaya islayensis. Nice yellow flowers. Rare. \$1 Islaya minor. Charming. Scarce......75c

ANCISTROCACTUS

A small genus placed in Coryphanthanae principally because the flowers are borne in the axils and not at the spine areoles. Central spine hooked giving it the common name of Wait-a-Bit.

Ancistrocactus Scheerii. Large — 60c. Smaller



TOM THUMB

MATUCANA

A most interesting genus from Peru named after the town where it was found. Plants simple, globose to cylindric; ribs numerous; areoles close, with many setose, white spines. Flowers tubular, zygomorphic, limb small. Scales on tube and ovary scattered, naked, small. Fruit dry, dehiscing by peculiar basal pores.

MILA

A small genus of peculiar, dwarf cacti found near Lima, Peru of which the name is an anagram. Cespitose, cylindric small stems with low ribs, close woolly areoles and short to long bristly or hair-like spines. Flowers yellow, short-funnelform, with expanded limb. Scales of tube and ovary minute with few, long, white hairs in their axils. Fruit a small globular, green berry. The plants are numerous in a narrow band in the mountains near Lima about where the fog belt lies.

Mila caespitosa. Nice 3 years old plants. Keep on the dry side in winter......75c



HEDGE HOG CEREUS

ACANTHOCALYCIUM

A genus related to Echinopsis and Lobivia. The short-funnelform flowers however have scarious, rigid scales which bear woolly hairs in their axils. Within the tube is a woolly ring of short hairs just above the ovary. Plants globose to short-cylindric with ribs sometimes tubercled. Flowers pink, white, red or yellow. Acanthocalycium violaceum. Page 12. id scales the tube

MELOCACTUS Link & Otto

Cactus (L) Br. & R.

These strange plants were among the first cacti to be brought back to Europe from the Americas. They are found from Mexico to Honduras, the islands of the Carribean and South America including the Guianas, Brazil Colombia, Venezuela and Peru. They grow generally near sea level and are quite tender to frost. Plants are melon-shaped with from 9-20 ribs, sometimes tuberculate; areoles with stout, recurved spines; centrals one or wanting. After the plant has attained its full size it forms a terminal cephalium or inflorescence of bristles and hairs which thereafter grows in length producing small pink blossoms opening in late afternoon and white, red or pinkish, clavate berries. The cephalium is generally red or reddish from the red bristles and gives the plant the common name of Turks Cap which it closely resembles. A rich but porous soil very moderate waterings and a sunny location.

Melocactus Townsendianus. Small, without cephalium.

cephalium. ..

VIOLET EASTER LILY





SILVER BALL

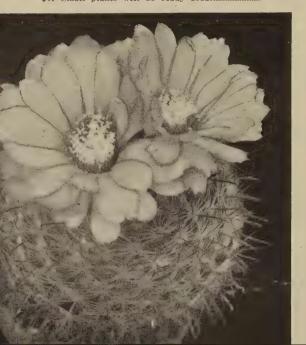
MALACOCARPUS

An old genus separated from Echinocactus in 1849. In 1922 Britton and Rose redefined the genus including the types of, or parts of, Notocactus, Neoporteria, Islaya, Parodia, Pyrrhocactus, Austrocactus. Later workers have been inclined to accept a narrower interpretation of the genus centering around M. corynodes the type of the genus. As now interpreted the plants are very discoid with few but sharp ribs, in one species up to 20; strong, straight or curved spines and a felted or woolly apex. Flowers, bright yellow, short tubed with broadly expanded limb, tube scaly the axils with bristles as well as wool. Fruit soft, pink, barely emerging from the dense, woolly crown. They are easy to grow but are slow in growth reaching perhaps 4" - 5" in diameter, old plants cespitose. cespitose.

Malacocarpus corynodes. 1½" - 2" 75c...\$1

Malacocarpus erinaceus. Very pretty with bright blossoms. Like all the species it flowers over a long summer period. 1½" — 50c. Nice 1" to 1¼" — 35c Malacocarpus Kovaricii. Ready 1952......75c Malacocarpus pauciareolatus. 3". Each \$1.50 Malacocarpus Sellowii. 3". Each.....\$1.50 Malacocarpus Vorwerckianus Hennissii. 3". \$1.50

CRIMSON PARODIA



LOBIVIA

A large genus erected in 1922 by Britton and Rose to accommodate a group classed with the Echinopsis. The dividing line cannot be well defined for some intermediate species partake of both. The flowers have shorter tubes, are diurnal and are mostly red in color with some white, pink, yellow and orange flowered kinds. Plants globular to cylindric, simple or clustered, always ribbed, spiny, generally small in size. Fruit small, globular, the scales bearing hairs and in some recently discovered species, spines. Culture. They like a reasonably rich, well drained

Culture. They like a reasonably rich, well drained soil and generally more water than many other cacti. They are native to high mountain regions where temperatures are seldom excessively high. Conversely they can stand considerable cold and in California seldom are injured. They like a light position and are particularly happy if they can be put outdoors during the summer

Our collection contains a number of species we are not listing due to the confusion in nomenclature. Also many of which we have only a plant or so. Our European friends have been more than kind in supplying us with authentic material which in the future will provide check plants.

Lobivia aurea. Lovely yellow blossoms, some forms as large as an Echinopsis. One of the intermediate species near Echinopsis. See pic-



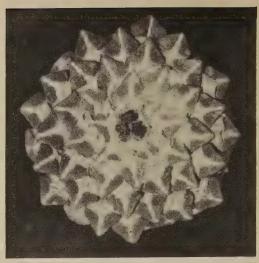
A favorite for 100 years because of its ease of growth and splendid, large 6", fragrant, pink blossoms. No beginner should be without it. Give it generous treatment, a rich, porous soil and, while growing, plenty of water. To flower well it should have plenty of sunlight. Large 3 year old 3" 75c.

clusters 50c. Smaller
Lovivia Backebergii. Lovely. Nice 50c to \$
Lobivia Binghamiana. Flowers red. 21/2". 75
Lobivia boliviensis. Flowers red. Plant cespitose75
Lobivia breviflora. Page 11.
Lobivia chrysacantha. Scarce. 1"50
Lobivia chrysachaete. Scarce. 2" - 21/2". 75
Lobivia churinensis. A new and as yet un described species from Central Peru. The far therest north of known species. Flowers bright red $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2" 50c. Smaller
Lobivia cinnabarina. 21/2" - 3"\$1.2!
Lobivia corbula. From Cuzco, Peru. A smal cespitose species
Lobivia densispina. A pretty species both in plant and flower. Cespitose with setose spine and large yellow flowers. 3" - 4" 75c. Smalle 50
Lobivia famatimensis. While this is certainly

one of the very finest flowering Lobivias it is also extremely variable both in color of flower and size and appearance of plant. The flowers are usually orange yellow but there are red and pink forms also and short and long spined forms. See page 11.

Lobivia	famatimensis	aurantiaca	\$1
	famatimensis		
11 a15			506

Lobivia famatimensis setosus (L. scoparius)



ARIOCARPUS KOTSCHOUBEYANUS

Lobivia famatimensis nigricans. Handsome, body almost black, flowers dark red. $1\frac{1}{2}$ " - 2".

\$1
Lobivia ferox. A long, stout spined species with the appearance of Echinopsis. Probably best classed with Echinopsis as flowers are white, nocturnal. Makes a handsome specimen. 2" - 3" each
Lobivia formosa. Large growing. 2" 50c. Smaller35c
Lobivia formosa rubra. Red flowers. 2" 50c. Smaller
Lobivia huasha. A glorious species with large golden yellow flowers and the habit of Trichocerus. Handsome. Large specimens 4" - 6" clustering \$1.25. Smaller50c
Lobivia huasha rubra. Lovely, rich red blossoms. Each 75c and50c
Lobivia Hermanniana. Each75c
Lobivia Hertrichiana. Page 10.
Lobivia incaica. Each
Lobivia Jajoiana. Tomato red flowers. 2" - 3" \$1.25. 1" - 11/2"50c
Lobivia Jajoiana Fleishiana. 75c and50c



GOLDEN EASTER LILY



NOTOCACTUS PAMPEANUS

Lobivia Nealeana. Page 13

Clusters

50c and.....

Lobivia Johnsoniana. Grows to 3" or more with long, slender, light colored spines bright pink flowers. Each..... Lobivia longispina. A long spined, nocturnal, white flowered species probably more closely allied to Echinopsis. Nice plants $1\frac{1}{2}$ "..........50c

Lobivia lateritia. A red flowered Bolivian species. 3" clumps \$1.25. Nice 1"......35c Lobivia mistiensis. Each.....\$1

Lobivia neo-Haageana. A dwarf species with rge root. Flowers very pretty salmon color.

Lobivia Pentlandii. The oldest species (1844) and the type of the genus. A fine plant with red flowers. Nice 50c and 35c

Lobivia rhaphidacantha. Very long, dark, reddish-brown spines. Cespitose. Flowers light redwith bluish cast. 4" \$1. Smaller......50c

Lobivia rubescens. A large growing, hand-some flowering plant. Each.....\$2

Lobivia sanguiniflora. A fine, bright red flowered species, easily grown. Central spine often hooked. Cespitose. 3"—75c. Smaller

Lobivia Walterspielii. New species. similar L. cinnabarina. Small 1" 1952.....

NOTOCACTUS

This genus, first characterized in 1898 by Schumann, was included by Britton & Rose in Malacocarpus. It is distinguished now by its globular to elongated, dry fruits dehiscing by a basal pore, perhaps splitting in some species; ovary and tube with scales, their axils with bristles and wool. Plants globular to short cylindric simple or cespitose, the ribs often tubercled; areoles felted. Apex felted or naked. Flowers from top, short funnelform, yellow or pink

CULTURE. Of all the genera of small, free flowering Cacti this is perhaps the favorite. It contains many of the brightest spined as well as bright flowered kinds. They are of the easiest culture for they are native to regions in Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina that are not too dry and desolate. The fibrous roots like good, well drained soil and the plants will take a reasonable amount of water in summer. They like a sunny or well lighted position. All will stand temperatures as low as 20° without injury.

Notocactus apricus. A pretty flowering small plant. See illustration on page 19.

Notocactus caespitosus. A beautiful small species with flexible, light colored spines on low ribs. Wool on the tube and buds light, flowers large, lemon yellow. Large 1½" - 2" \$1. Small ready 1952.....35c

Notocactus concinnus. Ready in 1952......35c

Notocactus Graessneri. A lovely plant. See page 14.



PYRRHOCACTUS

Pyrrhocactus tuberisulcatus commonly known as P. Pyrrhocactus tuberisulcatus commonly known as P. horridus is a very satisfactory plant with heavy, curved spines. It blossoms freely in late spring the flowers reddish yellow followed by red fruits which drop their seeds through the base when ripe. It makes an excellent plant to graft for then it grows rapidly and flowers quickly. It is a Chilean plant and like other plants from the coastal deserts of Chile is inclined to grow slowly. The deserts of Northern Chile are very dry due to the effects of the Humboldt Antarctic Current and plants are dependent on sporadic rains and the dense dripping fogs for moisture 2"—75c.

50c



Gymnocalycium Mihanovichii

A brightly banded Chin Cactus with flowers varying from chartreuse to pale yellow or even chocolate. Extremely free flowering starting in spring and continuing until the cold weather of fall. The banding is pronounced and makes the small plant very attractive. Large flowering specimens 4 years old 2" - 2½" each 1. 1½" - 2" 50c.

Notocactus mammulosus. 2"-21/2" 75c. 1 Notocactus muricatus. Rare species. 1" 50c

Notocactus Mueller-Melchersii. See N. ruti-



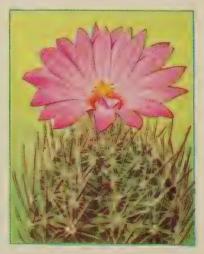


WHITE CHIN CACTUS

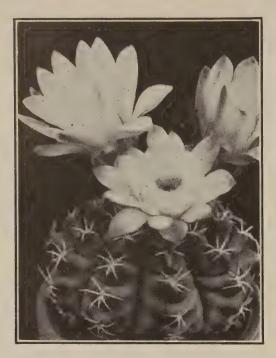


LEMON BALL

The very freest blooming and easiest to grow, Notocactus submammulosus should be in every collection. Light soil with moderate waterings increased when growing. Flowers for weeks. Mature 3 - 3½" \$1.25. Smaller 50e and 75c. Small.



GLORY OF TEXAS



DAM'S CHIN

If you want lovely blossoms do not fail to have this fine plant. Gymnocalycium Damsii is perhaps the easiest cactus to flower and grows well under a great variety of conditions. Will take considerable water in sumer. Flowers white tinged pink. Large 4 years old, 2" - 2½" — 50c. Smaller

Notocactus submammulosus. Similar to N. mammulosus. $3'' - 3 \frac{1}{2}$ " Specimens — \$1.25. 2'' — 75c. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " — 50c. Smaller......35c

Notocactus tabularis. Page 12.

OROYA

A monotypic genus from the high Andean region above Lima, Peru. Globular, solitary, ribbed plants with elongated areoles and very short-funnelform flowers. Near Matucana and Arequipa but differing in the short tube. The plants at Oroya are very large up to 12" often cespitose through injury and are atypical. Typical plants are found in grass and rock on the surrounding slopes and passes at 13,500', 3"-5" in diameter with more pectinate spines.

Oroya peruviana, Small.....\$1

IOHNSON'S CACTUS FOOD

A well balanced food for Cacti and Succulents.

12 ounce bag..... 50c pound bag. \$1.00



OBREGONIA DENEGRII

PYRRHOCACTUS

A genus segregated by Berger in 1929 from Britton & Roses's Malacocarpus. It is very close to Neoporteria but plants are generally more heavily spined and flowers short-funnelform. In P. Straussianus the tube is gibbous. In Neoporteria nigricans the flowers are like Pyrrhocactus and so are the spines. A distinct dividing line is difficult to draw. They are easily grown plants of very slow growth liking a light or sunny position and well drained soil. Stand temperatures to 20° without injury when dormant. mant.

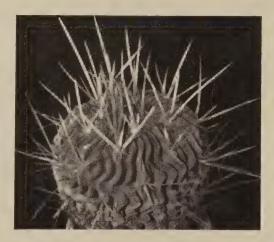
Pyrrhocactus tuberisulcatus (P. horridus. Soehrensii) A splendid species very strongly spined, with reddish-yellow flowers borne in a ring about the top. 2" — 75c. Smaller.......50c

Pyrrhocactus curvispinus. Flowers pale reddish yellow, spines slender tipped with black, Plant inclined to be very cespitose. Each......\$1

STENOCACTUS

Echinofossulocactus B. & R.

A distinct and beautiful genus with no very close relatives. The plants are globular, solitary, well spined and with up to 100 thin, often wavy ribs. The only exception is the type, S. coptonogonus, with about 10 ribs. The pretty, pink, purple or white, blossoms are generally striped, campanulate, the tube and ovary with scarious scales, naked in the axils. Fruit small, globular, dehiscing by splitting the seeds oozing out, stuck together with mucilage which the dew and rain dissolves allowing the seeds to fall. Give them the same treatment as Mamillaria which they roughly resemble. Splendid plants of easy culture and very attractive. There are a great many kinds and the nomenclature is very mixed up as the plants are variable. Many "species" are perhaps but geographical variations though just as interesting as any. A distinct and beautiful genus with no very



STENOCACTUS

The plants offered are 3-4 years old and many flowered in 1951.

Stenocactus	albatus, 1"	40c
Stenocactus	anfractuosus. 11/2" - 2" 75c	50c
Stenocactus	arrigens. $1'' - 1\frac{1}{2}''$ carneus. $1'' - 1\frac{1}{2}''$	50c
Stenocactus	carneus. $1'' - 1\frac{1}{2}''$	50c
	coptonogonus, 2" 75c. 1"	
	debilispinus. 1"	
Stenocactus	densispinus. 1" - 11/2"	50c
Stenocactus	flexispinus. 1"	50c
Stenocactus	hastatus. 1"	40-
Stenocactus		
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Stenocactus	multicostatus. Large flowering	
	\$1	1.50
Stenocactus	Melmsianus. 1" - 11/2"	50c
Stenocactus	obvallatus. 1" - 11/2"	50c
	Ochoterenaus. Large flowering	
Stenocactus	pentacanthus. 1½"	50c
Stenocactus	phyllacanthus. 2" 75c. 11/2"	50c
	robustus. 11/2" 50c. Smaller 1"	
	sphacelatus. " - 1 1/2"	
Stenocactus	stenogonus. 1" - 11/2"	50c
Stenocactus	undulatus. 1" - 11/2"	50c
	Nice plants my choice, named	
orchoederes.	rittee plants my enoice, named	

DENMOZA

A peculiar Chilean genus with long, S-shaped, tubular, closed, red flowers, the tube closed with white wool, stamens and stigma exserted; throat, short tube and ovary covered with imbricated, lanceolate scales in the axils of which



SAND DOLLAR

One of the oddest cacti, entirely spineless and freely bearing large yellow blossoms with a red throat. Very scarce even in the wilds where it grows scattered thinly on the desert mesas. Best potted in a very porous soil or in sand and leafmold, watering lightly when dry. Give it a very light position with some sun. It flowers from May to October. Large specimens 90c. Smaller 2" - 2½" each.

are silky hairs. Fruit globular, dry, splitting when ripe. Plant globular, with age cylindric to 4'; areoles felted; spines on young plants stout, curved. Likes a rich, porous soil, moderate waterings and a sunny location.

Denmoza rhodacantha. 4" - 6" each......\$4

PARODIA

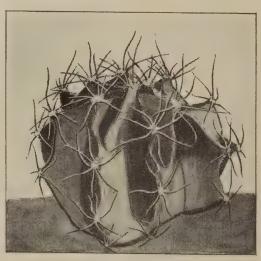
A lovely genus first described by Britton & Rose under Hickenia. A distinct group apparently not intergrading with the related genera, Frailia, Notocactus and Malacocarpus. Plants solitary, globose to cylindric, umbillicate with spiralled ribs which are tuberculate, sometimes with nipples as distinct as Mamillaria. Areoles woolly when young, proximate, spines straight or more often with one hooked central. Flowers at apex, campanulate with very short tube, limb broad, the petals in various shades of yellow and red. Scales on ovary and tube small, axils with wool and bristles. Fruit small, thin walled, splitting above the base to free the small seeds with their white, corky hilum. A very satisfactory group for the collector as the plants are easily grown, small, elegant in appearance and often bright spined. Many of them are very free in flower. Same treatment as for Mamillarias. All the species I know stand temperatures to 20°

Parodia aureispina. This charming species is pictured in color on page 15.

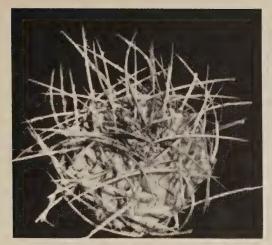
Parodia chrysacanthion. A handsome bright

Parodia mutabilis. Handsome with reddish, hooked central. Flowers brilliant orange yellow often with red throat. Page 12.

Parodia sanguiniflora. Page 16.



MELON CACTUS



THELOCACTUS NIDULANS

REBUTIA

A genus of small plants closely allied to Lobivia with which they differ in being tubercled rather than ribbed and in the small globular fruits being thin walled, red or yellow instead of green. There are many intermediate forms which have been assigned to Aylostera and Mediolobivia. These groupings help to bring out relationships to the student but botanically are hard to justify. Plants very easy to grow, very floriferous and generally small. Use good, rich, well drained soil rather more water than most cacti and a light, not too hot or sunny location.

Rebutia aureiflora		
Rebutia Fiebrigii. Sc	arlot flowers	
Rebutia Krainziana.		
elliptic, white, spinele		
flowers. Very nice. 19		/ oc
Rebutia Kupperiana.		
Rebutia minuscula.	One of the love	eliest of
small flowering cacti.	Scarlet blossoms.	Beauti-
ful. 50c and		35c
Rebutia psuedodem	inuta	35c
Rebutia senilis		35с
Rebutia Spegazzinia	ana (Aylostera)	50c
Rebutia Steinmanni	(Lobivia)	50c
Rebutia violaciflora	a. Brilliant rosy	/ - violet
flowers very freely b	orne over a long	g period
from January on. Larg	·	aller 50c
(111G)		



PINE CONE CACTUS

Encephalocarpus strobiliformis is closely related to Ariocarpus differing in the numerous, scale-like, dorsally keeled, incurved, closely imbricated tubercles, on the ventral side a tiny areole and few spines. The flower is a lively violet-pink in color borne in late spring. The plants never seem to attain more than inch and a half or so in diameter and grow very slowly. They grow very well in coarse sand with some leafmold if placed in a sunny, warm position. Water moderately. Will stand temperatures as low as 20°. Mature flowering specimens. Imports.

STROMBOCACTUS

A small genus of flattened globular plants with flattened tubercles arranged in spirals with or without spines. Flowers campanulate, white or pink with scales on the tube and upper part of ovary. Related to Arjocarpus though not too closely. These Mexican plants are found in very dry regions. They grow very slowly and prefer a very porous soil or sand and leafmold. Do not overwater. They flower regularly in sum-

Strombocactus	disciformis.	Mature	\$1.50
Strombocactus carpus)			
Strombocactus			

WEINGARTIA

A genus (originally Spegazzinia) of globose to cylindric plants with fibrous or thickened roots, low tubercles in spirals. Flowers from near apex, short-funnelform, rich orange yellow. Tube and ovary with scales, axils naked. Bolivian and Argentine plants.

Weingartia	Cumingii.	1"			50c
Weingartia	Fidaiana.	Ready	1952	<u> </u>	\$1.00
Weingartia	Neumanni	iana. R	eady	1952.	\$1.00



PELECYPHORA ASELLIFORMIS

Pelecyphora Valdeziana. A rare new species, white spined and smaller than the above. Mature flowering.
\$1.50

SOLISIA

THELOCACTUS

An anomalous genus, principally Mexican and Texan, that needs a great deal more study for the plants generally placed in it are probably not too closely related. The plants are ribbed or tubercled, often spiraled. Flowering tubercles more or less grooved above and flowers not borne at spine areoles. Plants globose-depressed or cylindric; flowers at apex on nascent tubercles, diurnal campanulate; scales on ovary few, axils naked; fruit dehiscing by a basal pore. Belongs in Coryphanthanae and is related to Ancistrocactus, Neolloydia etc. Culture as for Echinocactus. A very light soil, sunlight and moderate waterings. The flowers are generally very lovely in pink, yellow, white or garnet.

Thelocactus	bicolor. Page 17.	
Thelocactus	bicolor var. tricolor	\$1.50
Thelocactus	bolansis	50c
Thelocactus	Bueckii. Mature	\$1.25
Thelocactus	Ehrenbergii	75c
Thelocactus	hastifer. In 1952	\$1.50
Thelocactus	heterochromus	\$1.50
Thelocactus	hexaedrophorus	\$1.50



AGAVE CACTUS

Leuchtenbergia principis

Thelocactus lo	ngisninus	1952	75c
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i nelocacrus le	ucantnus		/36
Thelocactus n	idulans		\$2.00
Thelocactus ph	ymatothe	le	\$1.00
Thelocactus po	rrectus.]	1/2"	50c
Thelocactus Po	ttsii		\$1.50
Thelocactus re	ctispinus.		\$1.50
Thelocactus sul	porrectus		75c
Thelocactus Sa	ussieri. Sr	mall	40 c
Thelocactus tu	lensis		\$1.00
Thelocactus un	cinatus. L	arge 50c.	3″ 35 c
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ECHINOMASTUS

This small genus rightfully belongs in Coryphanthanae as Marshall has correctly stated though all other authors have placed it with Echinocactanae. It bears its flowers at the base of the tubercles and not at the spine bearing areoles. Not very easy to grow as they come from very dry regions. Grow well in sand and leafmold with moderate water supply in summer. A well lighted, airy position.

Echinomastus	durangensis.	Large\$1.25	
Echinomastus	intertextus.	Large\$1.50	
Echinomastus	Macdowellii.	Large\$1.00	



SUN CUPS

Notocactus apricus



QUEEN OF THE NIGHT



To this large group belong most of the tree-like Cacti except the Opuntias. Most of them are native to the warmer regions, the tropics and subtropics, frcm our extreme southern states through Mexico and Central America and the adjacent islands south to Argentina and Chile. They are found from the salty ocean beaches to high in the Andean ranges to perhaps 12,000 or more feet. They vary in size from an inch or so to recorded heights of 64' some having a great candelabrum-like head of many branches. Some of the largest are in Baja California and Arizona though Argentina and Mexico have their quotas. Many bear large blossoms of yellow, red or white and a more inspiring sight can hardly be imagined than the tall, fluted columns studded with their snowy chalices sparkling in the early morning sunlight.

The plants present a great diversity in form and in habit. All have ribbed stems, sometimes

with their snowy chalices sparkling in the early morning sunlight.

The plants present a great diversity in form and in habit. All have ribbed stems, sometimes partially tuberculate. Though they are described as several to many jointed yet many are single jointed. They are cylindric to columnar, some branching only at the base others branch above, some repeatedly so to form the candelabrum-like heads. Those that branch at the base seldom attain great height perhaps 15'-20' but those that have a single trunk may become very woody and attain enormous size. The flowers are borne at the older, usually lateral areoles. In Neoraimondia the same areoles bloom yearly and attain 3" in length. The flowers are very variable some tubular, funnelform or salverform and followed by fleshy fruits, some of large size (I have weighed them to 11 ounces) and often very pleasing to eat.

Many are climbing and some epiphytic and these have the largest blossoms, up to a foot or more, and are generally nocturnal. They climb by aerial roots which are produced on the side touching the support. A few have hooked, tuberculate ribs which hold the plant in place as it thrusts up through the brush or branches.

BERGEROCACTUS

Native to Southern and Baja California and adjacent islands. It is confined to the hills near the sea. One of the most colorful of Cerei with long golden spines. It grows in clusters the old stems dying away as new ones advance. Flowers small, campanulate, yellow with spiny ovary. Bergerocactus Emoryii ...50c

CLEISTOCACTUS

Of recent years a great many new species of this fine genus have been discovered and described. The original species as defined by Britton and Rose were only three, confined to Paraguay and Argentina. We now know that northern Argentina, Bolivia and Peru have many kinds with probably more to be found. They are slender plants, branching from above or below of distinctive appearance. Flowers long, tubular without expanded limb, generally red or whitish with scales on ovary and tube, the axils with hair or wool. Fruit small, globular, red or yellowish. While the plants are easily identifiable as Cleistocactus there is considerable diversity. Some bear lovely red blossoms very freely, others have white or red tinged spines and others make fine branched specimens. They are of the easiest culture liking a rich, porous soil and during summer a reasonable amount of water. The white spined species like less water. Most of them have survived temperatures as low as 20°

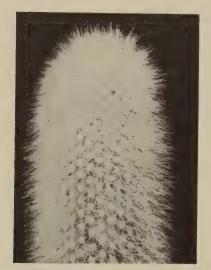
Cleistocactus apurimacensis. A newly discovered, as yet



POWDER BLUE CEREUS

Lemaireocereus pruinosus is handsome as a small plant. Covered with a powdery, blue bloom and with brown-black spines. Grows very easily and makes a most effective specimen. A fine plant for the beginner. Colors best in full sun but grows well in part shade. Flowers pink.

25c



CLEISTOCACTUS HYALACANTHUS

This is the so called "white Straussii" This is the so called "white Straussii" though it actually is a quite distinct plant with very different flowers. The stems are stouter and the spines hyaloid. A beautiful specimen, when well grown reaching 3' though handsome at all times. Plants

50c 50c 75c and ..

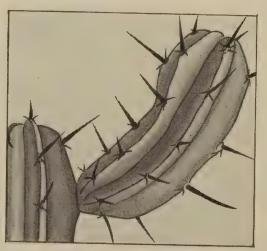
ONE OF OUR CACTUS HOUSES

A section of one of our cactus greenhouses showing how young plants are grown. This house contains larger seedlings before they are put out doors in glass covered frames where they develop their bright colors and strong root system. The plants, you will observe, are grown in community "flats" i.e., shallow boxes.



50c

Cleistocactus tupizensis. A short, stout species with many long, red-tinted spines. Very attractive. 10" - 12" — \$1. 3" -6"





PEANUT CACTUS

Chamaecereus Sylvestrii

AND IT'S ALLIES

CULTURE. Most of this group do very well under almost all average conditions. Their root systems are vigorous and if the plants are not too persistently overwatered they give a good account of themselves. More loam may be used in the soil mixtures for the stronger growing genera such as Lemaireocereus, Acanthocereus, Eriocereus, Gymnanthocereus, Monvillia, Nyctocereus, Rathbunia, Trichocereus, etc. Where heavier soil is used less water is required and one should see that the soil does not become water-loggd or sour. Those plants from very dry regions are best given the lighter or more sandy mixtures. A general rule of thumb is that cacti with a very heavy spine armament or those with bright colored spines or white hair or a hard leathery epidermis even thought spineless, are from quite dry regions. There are so many apparent exceptions to rules that one hesitates to give the advice that every experienced grower uses every day. However a little experience will show that the above information is useful whenever in doubt. Plants from very dry regions like an airfilled soil and the simplest way to achieve that is by the liberal use of sand and charcoal. Often in the wilds, plants may grow in heavy soils but nevertheless in cultivation will thrive in the light mixtures.

In window gardens one must use windows that are available but, if choice may be made, those facing south are given first choice. East windows or west windows are almost equally useful and very good results may be obtained. North windows may be used but since no direct sunlight enters more care must be taken in watering. After the first season north exposures produce few flowers. Many plant enthusiasts are building small greenhouses either attached to the house and heated from the house plant or separate. Lord & Burnham Co., of Des Plaines, Ill., have a full line of such greenhouses which may be purchased knocked down and easily re-erected.

ARTHROCEREUS

A rare and odd genus of small cerei from Brazil and A rare and odd genus of small cerei from Brazil and Argentina. The type species has very short joints from which the genus received its name which means "jointed Cereus." The later additions are not nearly so multi-jointed. In fact if Spegazzini's Echinopsis mirabilis is placed here it is definitely single jointed. Flowers nocturnal, white with very long slender tube, the stigma never exserted, stamens in a ring at the throat mouth, adnate to the tube.

Arthrocereus microsphaericus, Scarce..

AZUREOCEREUS

A new genus recently described by Akers & Johnson. The type species was found in the valley of the Montaro River, Central Peru. A tall tree-like plant with few, strict branches and bright blue epidermis. Many rounded, low ribs; areoles large, felted; radial spines straight, centrals bent-deflexed, long. Flowers nocturnal, white with large, imbricated, laciniate scales on tube and ovary. Recently a second species has been sent me from southern Peru.

Azureocereus nobilis. 5" - 6" \$2. 4"....\$1.50

ACANTHOCEREUS

A widely distributed genus found from Flori-A widely distributed genus found from Florida and Texas to Brazil and Colombia. The plants are clambering or weakly upright, 3-4 ribbed, often heavily spined. Flowers nocturnal, salverform, white or greenish-white, large. Fruit red with red flesh. The plants are often very vigorous. I have found them in Colombia, Panama, Guatemala and Mexico. In Colombia I collected plants on both sides of the Margdalana collected plants on both sides of the Magdalena River which now appear to be distinct species.

Acanthocereus colombianus. 5" - 8"......50c Acanthocereus guatemalensis.....\$1.00 Acanthocereus sp. Colombia......50c

DEVIL'S FINGER

Echinocereus Berlandieri. (Two-thirds natural size)

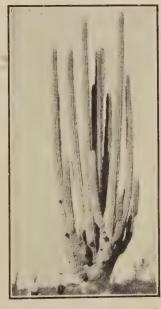
SETIECHINOPSIS

A monotype set up for Echinopsis mirabilis which differs from Echinopsis in its dry fruit, short stamens arranged in a single series and tube scales long, bristle-like.



Setiechinopsis Mirabilis

A very interesting tiny plant 2"' tall with an almost black stem.
Every plant will flower! Easy
grow. Flowering 35c



GIANT MEXICAN CEREUS

Pachycereus Pringlei as it grows in Baja California. Since they grow slowly they are fine window garden plants. Each.



WOOLLY TORCH



OLD MAN CACTUS

Cephalocereus senilis

CEPHALOCEREUS

A large genus redefined by Britton & Rose to include Pilocereus. There are good grounds to include Pilocereus. There are good grounds for making a separation as the plants are quite diverse, particularly in the way the flowers and fruits appear on the plants. In C. senilis there is a definite psuedocephalium near the top furnished with bristles and dense, tawny wool in which the flowers are more or less hidden. Some species produce a mass of silky-white wool but with visible fruits and others with less hair down to none at all. Several new genera have been proposed. The plants vary greatly in appearance some being very white haired, others have blue stems, others have little or no hair. Many are tree-like some to 30', others are much smaller to 3' or 4', one is procumbent. While our collection has over 35 species only a few can be offered.

Cephalocereus alensis. Yellow spined. 6" - 8"

50c. Smaller	.35c
Cephalocereus catingicola. Small	40c
Cephalocereus Collinsii. A very pretty	
low spined species	35c

Cephalocereus chrysacanthus. A beautiful golden spined species, turn to page 23.

Cephalocereus Hoppenstedtii. Scarce. 4"

SNOWBALL CACTUS

One of the scarcest and choicest of the Old Man Cacti. The fine, silky-white hair entirely clothes the young plants so that they appear as tufts of white cotton. Psuedoespostoa melanostele grows near Lima, Peru. Grows easily liking a quite sandy soil, very moderate waterings and a light or sunny position Some varieties have long yellow spines. Show specimens 2" - 2½" each \$1.





WHITE TORCH CACTUS

Cephalocereus leucocephalus. Masses of white wool at flowering time. Pretty — 50c and35c Cephalocereus macrocephalus. Imports\$2 Cephalocereus nobilis. A small branched species
Cephalocereus Palmeri. Page 21 Cephalocereus polylophus. Page 28. Cephalocereus Purpusii. Slender stemmed to
10'. Spines yellow. Named after Dr. Purpus a botanical collector in Central Mexico who supplied many cacti. We received some of our first plants from him in 1910. 6" - 8"—50c. Smaller
Cephalocereus Royenii

CORRYOCACTUS

Corryocactus	brevistylus.	Small	\$1.50
Corryocactus	melanotrich	us	75c
Corryocactus	sp. Chala		\$3.00

DAYAM'S TREE CACTUS



CEREUS

A large genus mostly found in South America though some extend to the islands of the Carribean. The plants are usually tree-like and branched though some are low or prostrate. The tree-like forms have a stout trunk. Humboldt in his Travels speaks of a cylindric cactus (probably Cereus) near Maniquarez (Venezuela) with a trunk 4' 9" in circumference and plants 30' - 40' tall. The flowers are very distinct, long-funnelform, white or pink nocturnal, with almost naked tube, the perianth falling away from the ovary as the petals wilt leaving only the long style attached to the fruit. Fruit large, fleshy, smooth and spineless, red or yellow with white, crystalline, sweet pulp. The flowers of C. Huntingtonianus are pink, the fruit with red pulp inclined to be dry. The species are all desirable and in subtropical and tropical regions have been widely planted for their ornamental effect and their fruit. They like a rich, porous soil and a sunny position. In winter they may be stored in a light, frost-free basement or attic. They stand considerable cold and most will survive 20° when dormant. when dormant.

Cereus aethiops. Stems bluish to purplish, ather slender, ribs low
Cereus alacriportanas. Tree-like, 50c and 35c
Cereus azureus. Bluish
Cereus caesius. Tree-like, 50c and35c
Cereus Dayamii. See below.
Cereus hexagonus. A tree-like species35c
Cereus Hildmannianus. Tree-like 50c and 35c
Cereus horridus. Tree. 50c and35c
Cereus Knuthianus. Tree-like. 50c and35c
Cereus lepidotus, Tree-like, 50c and35c
Cereus Llanosii, Small tree, 50c and 35c
Cereus milessimus. Spiny. 50c and35c
Cereus obtusus. Low growing
Cereus pernambucensis. A prostrate species. 50c
Cereus peruvianus. A much branched plant o 8'35c
Cereus peruvianus reclinatus35c
Cereus peruvianus monstruosus. Curiosity plant. A very monstruose variety that always retains its habit. Page 26.
Canada Asimana dan dan dan Cabanasana Faratan 40

Cereus trigonodendron. Schumann. Engler 40: 413 1908. This curious species was recently sent me from southern Peru. A tree-like, branched plant with 3 to 9 thin, undulate ribs, perianth reddish on outside white within, fruit oblong yellow (?). Young growth with much white wool at areoles. Seedlings thin-ribbed but without wool. 8" - 10" \$1. 4" - 6"......50c

CHAMAECEREUS

A small Argentine genus placed near Rebutia and Lobivia differing from Rebutia by bearing the areoles on ridges and from both in its creeping, prostrate habit. While it hybridizes freely with Lobivia it is not too close. The small, much branched plants of the common species are found in almost all collections. They grow under almost any conditions. To flower well they like a long winter rest. When dormant they will stand temperatures below 20° without damage.

Chamaecereus Sylvestrii. Peanut Cactus 35c Chamaecereus Sylvestrii crassicaulis. A mon-

Chamaecereus Sylvestrii x Lobivia aurea. Nice orange-red flowers......50c

ERDISIA

An interesting genus from Peru and Chile and probably also Bolivia. Those from the Atlantic drainage of the Andes are quite different in aspect from those of the western slopes. Erdisia Meyenii from Arequipa is a short, fat stemmed plant forming colonies connected below the ground. The eastern species are slender stemmed either upright or creeping, sometimes with quite large rootstalks. The photograph in Britton & Rose is probably not that of E. squarrosa nor is it sure the plants around Cuzco are E. squarrosa. I did not see plants from the type locality Tarma but collected plants at Ollantaytambo, another species at Limitambo at a lower elevation, another species at Huanuco with very fine spines and one other at Huancayo which somewhat resembled the one



BROWNINGIA CANDELARIS

One of the strangest appearing plants in nature. It grows on the very arid, barren deserts about Arequipa, Peru at 7,000'-9,000'. In the background may be seen the snow-capped cone of El Misti volcano. The cactus has a columnar, very heavily armed trunk which branches into a head of slim, almost spineless branches which in age become lax and contorted. Growing as isolated specimens in company with Arequipa, Trichocereus, Binghamia, Corryocactus, Erdisia, Tephrocactus and Opuntia. No plants available. Photo by John Akers.

at Cuzco and Backeberg's E. maxima. The genus is close to Corryocactus and needs more critical study. Flowers red or orange red.

Erdisia	Meyenii	75c
Erdisia	squarrosa. Cuzco	\$1.00
	from Ollontaytambo	
	from Limitambo	
	maxima. Ready 1952	
	Ruthae. Not published. Ready	1952.

ERIOCEREUS

Britton & Rose treated Eriocereus as a subgenus of Harrisia but there appears good grounds for separating them. They are night flowering the blossoms large, white or pink the fruits red. They are scandent or climbing or procumbent often with almost tuberous main roots. They are strong growers and like a good sized pot and rich porous soil. Plenty of water during the growing season. They will stand temperatures of at least 20°.

Eriocereus Bonplandii. A handsome, vigorous species with very large white flowers. Blooms from late spring until late fall. One of the best blooming Cereus I know. 50c and......35c

Eriocereus Martinii. Page 29

Eriocereus Regellii. Pink Moon Cactus. Lovely, pale pink blossoms. A very fine plant.....35c

Eriocereus tortuosus. A very spiny round stemmed species. Large white flowers. Each 35c



WHITE CUP CACTUS

Trichocereus Schaferi bears enormous, snow-white blossoms the outer segments tinged pink. The fat, green stems are gemmed with fine brown spines. It branches freely from the base and makes a very handsome cluster. Flowers in early summer. Very easily grown. Each \$1.50, 75c and 50c



PERUVOCEREUS RUBRISPINUS

EULYCHNIA

A small north Chilean genus of stout, erect or procumbent, branched, spiny cacti. They bear pink or white, diurnal flowers which are very short with broad open throat. Scales on flower tube and ovary numerous their axils with hair or bristles; filaments very short covering the face of the throat; style short and thick. Fruit globular, juicy, sweet scented, apparently without spines, naked or with wool.

Eulychnia castanea. Very rare. Each.......50c

ESCONTRIA

A monotypic Mexican genus. The plants are very large branching vase-shaped from a single short trunk. Spines arranged in pectinate clusters, on the few sharp ribs. Flowers very small for such a plant, yellow, diurnal the ovary covered with chartaceous, imbricated scales which are translucent and persistent. Fruit globular, scaly, purple and is sold fresh or dried in the markets.

Escontria chiotilla. 6" - 8".....\$1.25

GYMNANTHOCEREUS

A genus of branched cerei of central and northern Peru. The plants as I saw them were perhaps 10' tall with stiff ascending branches, ribs rounded, low; flowering areoles with bristles; spines short. Flowers small, white nocturnal; fruit with few scales, axils without hairs. A distinct genus.

Gymnanthocereus chlorocarpus. 10" - 12" \$1.25. 6" - 8"......50c



ESPOSTOA

This beautiful genus was founded by Britton & Rose in 1920 on Cactus lanatus of Humboldt, Bonpland and Kunth who described their collections in 1823. Columnar plants with numerous low ribs; plants upright, branching; areoles with strong spines and bearing long white hair. Flowers small, nocturnal, white with outer segments pinkish, short campanulate, nearly hidden in the dense psuedocephalium developed on flowering stems. Tube short, stamens and style included. Scales on ovary and tube small, acute the axils with long, silky, caducous hairs. Fruit subglobose to broadly obovoid, smooth, red or white, with white flesh, sometimes fragrant, very juicy, acid, edible. Seeds small black, dull.

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This genus has been much mixed up due to lack of information. Dr. Rose included the distinct species from above Lima, Peru with the plants from northern Peru (the true E. lanatus). His photographs and figures 88, 89, 90 and 91, Vol. 2 are Backeberg's Psuedoespostoa which was separated because of its glossy seeds and basal branching. The flowers are nocturnal not diurnal as stated by Mr. Backeberg. This Psuedoespostoa is found also north of Lima where the spines are more prominent and shine with a purplish glint in the sun. Mr. Akers and I found four other distinct species of Espostoa between Lima and Chiclayo and at Huanuco on the Atlantic drainage. The plants are of easy culture enjoying a light, porous soil and a sunny or light position. Keep dry in winter. They are liable to be injured below 27°.

Espostoa sp. Canyon del Pato. With the whitest, softest silky hairs of all. The plants are more slender than any others, 3" - 4" \$2.50

Espostoa lanata. See photo below.

ARMATOCEREUS

A genus erected to include the South American Lemaireocereus. The plants appear very much like Lemaireocereus but are generally far more wickedly spined and some that I have observed bear two types of branches. The normal branches have a woody axis while often on the tips of these branches are borne much



COLDEN OLD MAN

A pretty, bright yellow spined plant the young plants bearing some wool at the areoles. The mature plants are lovely blue the ribs gemmed with yellow spines. Cephalocereus chrysacanthus at flowering produces masses of white wool. 4" - 6" — 50c.



PRINCESS OF THE NIGHT

A glorious blossom and one of the largest in the cactus family. Selenicercus pteranthus is the most satisfactory and freest in bloom of this group. Grows rapidly and without special care, flowering during the sumer. Even small plants will bloom on matured stems. A rich, porous soil, moderate to generous waterings during the summer growing season with protection from the midday sun in summer.

20c

smaller, easily detached branchlets, sometimes 2 - 3 end to end and pendent. These branch-lets are different with shorter spines and since they are easily detached probably aid in the distribution of the species. Technically they are hard to differentiate from Lemaireocereus. I found three distinct new species in one Andean valley and Mr. Akers found another one near Lima.

Armatocereus mocupensis. A tall species to 35' with strict branches. Trunk heavily armed with acicular spines to 5". See page 25.......**75c**

BORZICACTUS

A small genus found from north central Peru to Ecuador. Britton & Rose placed within it plants since removed to other genera. Since the type species has a ring of hair in the tube and the others from the same geographical area and obviously closely related also have this ring it is proposed to include in the genus only those having this ring. Many plants have only those having this ring. Many plants have been named and figured from Ambato to northern Ecuador. So far as my observations go these cannot be substantiated for such variations can be found in every colony I visited in this great

Long spines, short spines, slender and stout, included and exserted stamens are all intermixed. In north central Peru Mr. Akers found a new species and also B. Fieldianus. Two other new plants have heavily tubercled ribs, tubular flowers with expanded limb and lack the hair ring.

Borzicactus sp. Ambato. 2" - 4"......50c Borzicactus sp. Road to Otovalo. 3" - 4" 35c



OLD MAN OF THE ANDES

The Oreocereus are among our very choice plants and now are very scarce. They bear long, wispy white hairs and stout, brown spines. Oreocereus Celsianus grows high in the Andes on barren slopes and may reach 3' - 4' in height.

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HAAGEOCEREUS (Binghamia B & R)

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A much misunderstood genus. Britton and Rose described Binghamia with Cephalocereus melanostele Vaupel as the type species. Later they saw Haworth's picture of Cereus multangularis (Willdenow) Haw., and decided Vaupel's plant was synonymous thus making C. multangularis described 100 years earlier the type. To complicate matters they figured B. melanostele in color, plate 24 figure 3, but actually pictured B. acrantha a different plant calling it a sterile stem, also remarking about the long white hair and bristle-like psuedocephalium (which it does not have) but giving a correct technical diagnosis. B. multangularis was later found by Mr. Backeberg, at the type locality, and described as a new species: Haageocerus chosicensis. Backeberg transferred its synonymy to his H. psuedomelanostele found at Cajamarquilla then reidentified Ceph. melanostele as the white woolly cereus found above Lima and founded Psuedoespostoa on it. Britton and Rose had wrongly identified this plant as Espostoa lanata and definitely had not used it in their consideration of Binghamia. Binghamia having been previously used for an Alga, Haageocereus stands.

Haageocereus acranthus. A very pretty plant growing to 3' - 8' branching from below, ascend-

Haageocereus multangularis. (Haageocereus chosicensis Bkg.) A handsome plant, yellow to an almost orange-red with 18-25 low, rounded ribs and very numerous, fine, stiff, short spines. Flowers white, fruit red quite large, edible. An exquisite plant. 3" - 5" — 50c and 75:...

Haageocereus Olowinskianus. A pretty species similar to B. acrantha with russet brown spines and charming white flowers. 5" - 6" — 75c. Smaller.

\$1.50 Haageocereus caespitosus. 3'

Haageocereus stellaspinus. Akers. A much branched plant. 3" - 6" — 75c and.............50c Haageocereus sp. from Atico. Short branched.

MARITINOCEREUS

A small genus from near Chala Peru. Related to Loxanthocereus (Borzicactus Riccobo.) The flowers are very lovely with a much wider limb than the typical Loxanthocerei. They look much like Aporocactus except they are a brilliant red. The plants are much branched at the base, prostrate, creeping and turning up at the tips and are found on the bluffs over-looking the ocean. The stems are 1½"-2½" in diameter, ribs 10-16 low, rounded areoles with some felt. Radial spines about 10-20 acicular, brown or black becoming silvery grey with age, often with an erect or porrect, stouter central. The plants bloom when small, are very free flowering and flower all summer long. It is one of the finest new additions to the window garden.

Maritinocereus gracilis. 8" - 10"—\$2.50. 3"-5"

the window garden.

Maritinocereus gracilis. 8" - 10" — \$2.50. 3"

\$1.5"

MARITINOCEREUS GRACILIS

This lovely flowering, new cereus is described above. The plants do well in cultivation liking a rich but porous soil and a moderate amount of water during summer. They will stand temperatures at least as low as 27° without injury.

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SNAKE CACTUS

Nyctocereus serpentinus

Beautiful fluted stems thickly starred with red and grey spines. Very easily grown and one of the most pleasing. With me it is always a prime favorite either in flower or for its handsome graceful columns. Deliciously fragrant flowers! Full sun or a well lighted position. Moderate waterings.

35c

MORAWETZIA

This monotypic genus is from Central Peru. I saw it growing below Mejorado in the Montaro Valley at about 8,000' elevation. There it grew in small clusters up to 18" tall. Stems clavate when mature. It differs from Oreocereus for the flowers are produced in a true cephalium and not as sometimes stated simply apical. When it starts to flower the stem ceases to grow in length and becomes swollen producing bristles and spines and long coarse white hairs among which the flowers are annually produced. These are attractive, dark red, tubular 2" - 3" long with small, expanded limb. Fruits quite large, white or yellowish white hidden in the hair until ripe. As in Psuedoespostoa not all stems flower.

Morawetzia Doelziana. When available. Each

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LOXANTHOCEREUS

A central and south Peruvian genus segregated from Borzicactus because of the peculiar S-shaped, zygomorphic flowers and the lack of the ring of hairs in the tube. Included in it are plants originally described as Cereus, Borzicactus and Erdisia. Those best known grow in the vicinity of Lima. They are low, erect or procumbent plants with numerous low rounded ribs, proximate areoles with some wool and many short, acicular spines. Flowering areoles often producing tufts of white woolly hair. They flower freely the blossoms of various shades of red and orange-red. They are impatient of too much water and like a porous, well drained soil. Keep dry in winter. Give them a sunny or very light position. Many of those below have not been published by Mr. Akers.

Mr. Akers.

Loxanthocereus aureisetosus. 3" - 5" each 75c. Smaller
50c

Loxanthocereus eriotrichus, 4" - 75c. Smaller.....50c

HAAGEOCEREUS ACRANTHUS

Habitat photograph from Churin 100 miles north of Lima. Lower plant at left Peru-vocereus churinensis.





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35c 35c



MORAWETZIA

Bears white wispy hair at the are oles and a true cephalium of lon white hair at flowering.



PERUVIAN TORCH CACTUS

A fine, easily grown plant liking generous treatment. Trichocereus peruvianus bears large, snowy blossoms. I took this photograph in February in Peru. It is often pendent from the face of a cliff. Grows rapidly. Has withstood temperatures of 20°. 5" - 6"

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LOPHOCEREUS

This genus is confined to southern Arizona, Sonora and Baja California. They are columnar plants generally branching from the base, some of the newer species not nearly so robust as the type. Ribs few to many. The flowering areoles produced as the stems get old, are very distinct. They are large and felted and produce few or many long, stiff bristles and more than one small, pink, funnelform, nocturnal flower each. Mature plants are striking. Young plants are rather pretty. Easily grown.

Lophocereus Schottii. This is the one generally seen and the most spectacular of the genus. They may reach 20' though generally

erally seen and the most spectacular of the genus. They may reach 20' though generally are much shorter. They form large colonies and are a typical sight in central Baja California. 5" - 7" each.

LEMAIREOCEREUS

A large genus of tall, branching, tree-like cacti, a few prostrate. Areoles rather large, felted. Spines usually stout, numerous. Flowers diurnal, sometimes nocturnal, funnelform or campanulate. Ovary with scales felted in the axils, at first spineless but soon developing spines. Fruit globular, very spiny, splitting when ripe, often edible. Fruits are sold in the Mexican markets. A fine group of strong, vigorous growing plants tens of thousands of which are sold for dish or window gardens in the United States. They like a rich, porous soil and during the summer a moderate to bountiful supply of water. They prefer a sunny or light situation.



SILVER TORCH

The lovely Cleistocactus Strausil is an arresting plant with its white, glossy columns clothed with silvery-white spines tipped brown. In summer there are quantities of tubular, red blossoms clustered thickly on the taller stems. It is very easy to grow liking a loamy, porous soil with moderate waterings. Sun or part shade.

Large 8" - 10" 50c. 35c

WILMATTEA

A monotypic genus growing in the trees about Lake Izabal, Guatemala where I collected it in 1920. Stems long, slender, 3-angled, spines minute. Flowers small, fragrant, nocturnal, pink and white. Scales on ovary naked or with bristles. At first considered a Hylocereus but the small, short-tubed flowers and presence of bristles in the ovarian scale axils are quite distinctive. distinctive.

Wilmattea minutaeflora. Each......50c



MOON CACTUS Eriocereus

These are very free growing cacti and flower abundantly during the summer. The large, snowy blossoms open in the evening and remain open until late next morning. Easy to grow liking a rich loamy soil and during the summer quite a bit of water if in the full sun. Each 35c

MONVILLEA

MONVILLEA

A genus of slender, long stemmed, night-blooming cacti from South America. The plants are erect or half-erect, often forming thickets. Flowers white with slender tube and tiny scales on ovary and tube their axils naked. Fruit smooth, reddish, spineless, juicy. The plants vary in appearance some are round stemmed, tall with many ribs, others are slim stemmed with widely spaced areoles the ribs few and depressed between areoles, stems often mottled, spines very short. The Peruvian and Ecuadorean species have shorter-tubed flowers. A new species I found in Peru grew on the banks of the dry water courses with a quite different appearance from those I was familiar with. They flower freely in cultivation and some bear quite large, red fruits. Give them generous treatment. generous treatment.

Monvillea Cavendishii. A free flowering species, Each... Monvillea diffusa. An Ecuadorean species Monvillea Spegazzinii, Each..... Monvillea phatnosperma var. Grossei......75c Monvillea sp. Received from Dr. Rose unnamed. A handsome free flowering plant. 75c

PERUVIAN OLD MAN

Snowy white, siken haired plants. A dainty, elegant plant growing easily and fairly quickly. Native to northern Peru. Likes a porous well drained soil and a sunny or light position.

50c and



PERUVOCEREUS VIRIDIFLORUS



ECHINOCEREUS DUBIUS

Handsome purple blossoms of good size opening in June. Plants of soft texture with slim, white spines the areoles borne on broad, low ribs. Stems 5" - 6" pale green and much clustered. Nice plants 50c 50c

WERCKLEOCEREUS

Two plants from Central America related to Hyloce-reus but with spiny ovaries like Selenicereus. One is like Selenicereus. One is bushy, one climbing, both with 3-angled stems. Flowers white, short-funnelform: tube and ovary with many areoles bearing black, actular spines and hairs subtended by minute scales. They do well in cultivation if given a rich but well drained soil and plenty of water during warm weather.

Werck. glaber. Climbing but not a strong grower. Flowers lovely white and green. Free in bloom. Each

Werck, Tonduzii. and bushy-branched. Flower white. Rare





CURIOSITY PLANT

A very monstrose form, of Cereus peruvianus. These plants are seedlings and many are even more contorted than the plant pictured. Spines chestnut brown, body dark green. They always retain their curious growth and may reach 5' - 7' in height. They make splendid show specimens, growing slowly. Give them a rich soil and moderate moisture, a light or sunny position.

35c

MEDIOCACTUS

Climbing, generally epiphytic cacti from South America. They look like Hylocereus, but are intermediate in character between it and Selenicereus. Stems 3-winged, slender, producing aerial roots, areoles shortspiny. Flowers white, quite large, nocturnal, the tube with scales. Fruit bright red its areoles felted and spiny. The branches are quite long and plants are vigorous growers. Give them a rich but porous soil and plenty of

rich but porous soil and plenty of water during summer.

Mediocactus coccineus. The only species in cultivation here-to-fore. A strong growing plant but not very common. Ready 1952. Each

Mediocactus megalanthus. I found this rare plant growing at Tingo Maria, Peru in the eastern Andes in the valley of the Huallaga River an affluent of the Amazon. Supposedly the largest flowered cactus. A few plants only.

NYCTOCEREUS

Well known to fanciers these Mexican and Central American cacti bear white, sometimes fra-grant, nocturnal flowers. The plants are erect or clambering, slender, with cylindric, ribbed stems. Areoles bearing wool, and small acicular spines. Flowers funnelform, bearing scales, and below the middle, tufts of bristles. Fruit spiny. Seeds very large.

Nyctocereus serpentinus. The ell known cultivated species. Each

PERUVOCEREUS

A genus recently erected for a group of handsome Peruvian Cerei from the western slope of the Andes. The plants are generally $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 4' tall though individual stems may be much taller. They are very brightly spined yellow, tawny red or golden. Some produce quantities of silky hair almost like an Espostoa. They make as handsome specimens as any plants I know. They branch from the base forming clusters of 3 - 10 stems. They like a porous, well drained soil with moderate waterings in summer. In winter keep on the dry side. They prefer a sunny or very light position. Those listed are from Mr. Akers' collection and some have not been published.

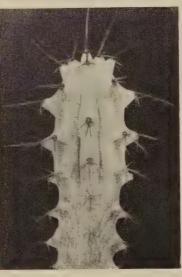
Peruvocereus	albicephalus. 75c and	50c
Peruvocereus	albisetosus. Each	50c
Peruvocereus	albispinosus. Each	.50c
Peruvocereus	albispinosus. Red spined form.	75c
Peruvocereus	churinensis. 4" - 5" 75c . Sm	aller 50c
Peruvocereus	chrysacanthus. Each 75c and	.50c
Peruvocereus	cajamarquilla. Each	.50c
Peruvocereus	flavispinus. Each	.50c
Peruvocereus	lanatus\$	1.00
Peruvocereus	psuedocephaleus.	.75c
Peruvocereus	rhodoflorus\$	1.00
Peruvocereus	rubrispinus	.50c
Peruvocereus	salmonoideus. Lovely 50c and	35c
Peruvocereus	setosus. 4" - 5" — 75c . Smaller	50c
Peruvocereus	viridiflorus	.50c



A new Espostoa with reddish spines and white wool. A very attractive plant and a fairly fast grower. Of more slender and taller growth than Espostoa lanata and with fewer branches. Native to the dry Andean valleys above Chiclayo, Peru. Each species of Espostoa seems to be confined to a narrow altitudinal band which is often true of many cacti. Temperature may be the determining factor but probably temperature and moisture together are the determinants.

3" -- \$1. Smaller, Each......

A handsome and distinct new cereus with blue stems and stout brown spines. It does not branch until it is several feet high. Grows easily liking a porous soil and a sunny position. Will stand 27° when dormant. 5" - 6"



A lovely white stemmed Mexican Cereus. The cutin is covered with a white powdery wax. The rounded ribs bear raised areoles with black spines. Flowers white. Give it a porous soil, a sumy position and moderate waterings. 6" - 8"

Trichocereus huanucoensis. A new species I found in central Peru. Growing to 15' or more the large branched plants are almost spineless the stems 4" - 5" in diameter. Large white flowers. Each 50c

Trichocereus huascha (Lobivia huascha), Lovely yellow to red flowers. Large 5" - 6" beginning to cluster. \$1. Smaller.....50c

Trichocereus Knuthianus. A tall growing species. Cuttings......\$1.50

Trichocereus litoralis. Tall tree like. Cuttings

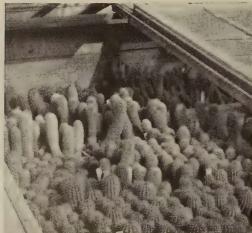
Trichocereus macrogonus. Large stemmed. Cuttings.....\$1.25

Trichocereus Pachanoi, Almost spineless. Tall. A wonderfully free bloomer. Flowers immense. Cuttings. \$1.00

like. 50c and.....

Trichocereus purpureopilosus. Cespitose,





CACTI IN GLASS FRAMES

Tens of thousands of our plants are growing in such frames where light and moisture can be controlled. Young plants are transferred here from the greenhouses where the seeds or cuttings are started. Here, close beneath the glass, they produce a vigorous healthy root system. All soil used is steam sterilized. The plants shown are Peruvocereus.

TRICHOCEREUS

Trichocereus sp. nova. Tron. Treat St. 275c
Trichocereus chiloensis. Each. \$1.00
Trichocereus cuzcoensis. Tall blue-green stems. Very ge flowers. 3" - 4" 50c

large flowers. 3" - 4"

Trichocereus fascicularis. A tall species from Arequi50c

35c



CHAMAECEREUS FLAME **Hybrid Peanut Cactus**

Hybrids between Chamaecereus Sylvestrii and Lobivia aurea are very pretty and have considerable advantage over the old favorite Peanut Cactus. Our first hybrids were produced in 1937 but I failed to recognize their real worth. The one pictured is from the first batch of seedlings. It flowers far more consistently and freely than the species with a larger, more orange blossom and is a stronger grower with thicker stems. Mr. Andrea has produced a whole series from yellow to scarlet.

75c



ESPOSTOA HUANUCOENSIS



The Borzicactus of central and northern Ecuador may possibly all be varieties of B. sepium. The bright red blossoms are very pretty. The plants branch from the base and grow easily liking a porous soil with moderate waterings.

50c

PSUEDOESPOSTOA

A monotypic genus erected to describe the white haired plant found near Lima, Peru. Separated from Espostoa be-cause of its branching only from the base and its shiny seeds. The psuedocephalium seeds. The psuedocephalium is more abundant than in other Espostoas and stained a rich rusty red. A similar plant is found 100 miles north of Lima, with long reddish central spines, apparently only a geographical variation.

Psuedoespostoa melanoste**le.** See Snowball cactus illustrated below.

WEBEROCEREUS

BORZICACTUS

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50c

WEBEROCEREUS

Slender, climbing or pendent epiphytic cacti. Stems terete, angled or rarely flattened emitting aerial roots, areoles bearing felt or long hairs and with or without acicular spines or bristles. Flowers pink or white, nocturnal, short-funnelform or campanulate; ovary tuberculate its areoles bearing weak bristles or stiff hairs. Fruit hairy. Pretty trailing or climbing small plants quite suitable for the window garden as they may be trained on a trellis or allowed to hang from an upper shelf. Give plenty of water and some shade.

Weberocereus Biolleyi. Less than pencil-thick. Pink flowered

Weberocereus trichotus.



ECHINOCEREUS DASYACANTHUS

Trichocereus santiaguensis. Large flowered 35c

Trichocereus strigosus. Clustered short stems

Trichocereus thelegonus. A creeping or prostrate long-stemmed plant. Large white flowers

Trichocereus thelegonus X Echinopsis....50c Trichocereus uyupampensis. 1952........\$1.50 Trichocereus Werdermannianus. A huge spe-

Trichocereus arequipensis. A white woolly giant from below Chala, Peru. A very large plant. Probably is not a Trichocereus. Small.

NEORAIMONDIA

NEORAIMONDIA

A strange Peruvian cactus found all over the western Andean slopes. Stems 3' - 15' stout, branched near base, strict, with few ribs, spiny. Areoles brown felted, some with extremely long spines, the flowering areoles producing flowers for many years growing in length to several inches. Flowers funnelform with stout tube longer than the limb. Scales of tube and ovary with brown wool. Fruit ellipsoid or globular the globular areoles with wool and spines.

Since they grow in very dry regions they need a very porous soil and attention to watering. Keep dry in winter.

Neoraimondia macrostibas. Scarce. 2" - 3" \$1.50

OREOCEREUS

These handsome and interesting plants are from southern Peru, Bolivia and northern Chile. Branching from the base, procumbent or upright some recently described species quite tall. Stems strongly ribbed, the areoles with long, wispy, coarse white hair and stout, curved, often reddish-yellow spines. Flowers slender, elongated, curved, red, diurnal. Filaments and style exserted. Ovary and flower tube with long, narrow scales and long, black and white hairs. Fruit globular, spineless, dry. They are related to Morawetzia and more distantly to Cleistocactus. Splendid plants much prized by the fanciers. They are easy to grow and will take temperatures as low as 20° without injury if dormant.

ry if dormant.

OREOCEREUS NEOCELSIANUS. A tall, stout pecies with red-brown spines and long white nair. Scarce. Small.....\$1

MYRTILLOCACTUS

A Mexican and Guatemalan genus of shortjointed, much branched cacti. The stout
branches are few-ribbed with short, stout
spines. Flowers more than one at an areole
looking like Myrtle blossoms, followed by
small red berries. A pretty and very distinct
genus making fine pot or garden plants. They
have a heavy tap-root. Easy to grow.

Myrtillocactus geometrizans. Blue Myrtle
Cactus. Page 20.

Myrtillocactus cochal. Ready 1952.......35c

Myrtillocactus cochal. Ready 1952......35c
Myrtillocactus Schenckii. Each......50c



SNOWBALL CACTUS

ECHINOCEREUS

The Echinocerei are the North American The Echinocerei are the North American counterparts of Echinopsis and Lobivia belonging also to the subtribe Echinocereanae. Plants are low, erect or prostrate, single or cespitose, globular to cylindric. Flowers usually large, diurnal or nocturnal, perianth campanulate to short funnelform, scarlet, crimson, purple, pink or yellow, the tube and ovary always spiny; stigma lobes always green; fruit thin-skinned, juicy, spiny, the clusters easily detached when ripe.

A large group of small cacti the species dif-A large group of small cacti the species difficult to identify as many species could better be thought of as geographical variations around a type. If one collects over a large area many plants intermediate between two otherwise different species will be found. The more specimens brought together the more difficult it becomes to maintain some of the older species as entities. This is true of many other cacti. From the fancier's standpoint this certainly does not detract from the beauty or interest of the divergent forms. The old names are handy to identify the particular plant. The botanist of course has an entirely different rim as he is simply trying to establish relationship. That is the sum and substance of that branch of botany termed taxonomy. It is not an occult science nor yet an exact science simply one of common sense.

Echinocereus australis. Scarce....

Echinocereus dubius. Clustering with stems to 6". Lovely purple flowers. 50c and.......35c Echinocereus Englemannii. Small......35c

Echinocereus Fendleri. Pale pink......40c Echinocereus Knippelianus. A fat, almost entirely spineless small plant with charming pink blossoms. 75c

Echinocereus longispinus. Long, pale yellowish spines and large, light purple blossoms. Should stand much cold probably zero. 75c

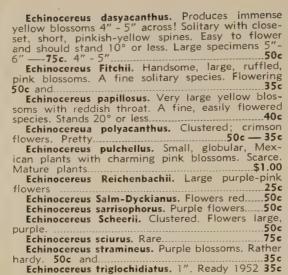
GYMNANTHOCEREUS

A habitat photograph of a species I collected above Chiclayo. This may be G, chlorocarpus or perhaps a new species. It bore a few scraggly, stiff bristles at the flowering arcoles. Flowers white, nocturnal; fruit green, ovoid, with scales. The identity of plants originally distributed as G, chlorocarpus (fereus H.B.K.) is obscured by a recent statement that it is known only from literature. Not available.





TRICHOCEREUS SCHICKENDANTZII



RATHBUNIA

Mexican plants with narrowly tubular, zygomorphic, red flowers. Slender, erect or clambering; ribs few with subulate spines. The flower tube bears long scales free only at the tips. Ovary with small scales bearing short felt and sometimes spines. Fruit spiny or becoming smooth.

Rathbunia alamosensis...



PERUVOCEREUS SALMONOIDEUS

Photo by John Akers taken in Peru. These plants are beautiful in flower as well as being brightly spined. Fruits are large, light red and thin skinned. Many of the species produce matted white wool at the flowering areoles. A richly colored plant. 50c and 35c



AZTEC COLUMN

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A very stately, columnar plant. Cephalocereus polylophus is distinct from other Cephalocereus (Pilocereus) in its flowers which are very short-tubed and red and in the great number of ribs, up to 40. It is a handsome plant and a good pot specimen. 4" specimens 75c. Smaller 50c

Echinocereus octacanthus.....

Echinocereus pectinatus castaneus. Solitary with short pectinate spines which become rather highly colored, pink, purplish and yellow. Large, purple pink blossoms. Each 50c

MACHAEROCEREUS

MACHAEROCEREUS

Two species from Baja California. M. eruca is prostrate, M. gummosus bushy. Ribs low; areoles large, felted, with many spines, in M. eruca centrals very flattened. Flowers white, diurnal, seldom produced even in the wilds, slender-funnelform; ovary and lower tube with many small scales subtending felted areoles which bear spines on the ripening fruit. Pulp crimson.

Plants should not be overwatered and prefer a porous, well drained soil. Give them a sunny location.

location.

Machaerocereus eruca. very scarce plant. Creeping flat on the ground with the tip raised. As available 4" - 6" \$1.50

'Machaerocereus gummosus. Forms thickets. Ready 1952.



LOPHOCEREUS SCHOTTII
Showing the striking, bristly tip
of a flowering stem. Small plants do
not bear bristles.
50c



CLEISTOCACTUS BAUMANNII

The Scarlet Bugler is one of the freest flowering of small Cerei. The flowers and even the buds are bright red and it blooms up and down the sunny-side of the stem for months. 12" - 15" 75c.

PSUEDOECHINOCEREUS

A small genus proposed by Mr. Akers but not published, closely related to Loxanthocereus. Plant 1'-2' tall many ribbed with tubular, zygomorphic flowers with expanded limb. Scarlet. with expanded limb. Scarlet. Psuedoechinocereus splendens \$1

THRIXANTHOCEREUS

A monotypic genus of North Peru closely related to Facheiroa. The plants are erect, solitary or with few basal branches, up to 3' tall. Ribs 18-25 rounded; areoles with hair and wool; spines up to 25 with one porrect central. Flowers from a lateral psuedocephalium composed of stiffish, red or black bristles intermixed with wool. Flowers white, nocturnal, funnelform. A very striking plant when the cephalium is developed. Give it a rich but porous soil and a moderate amount of water. Keep on the dry side in winter. Likes a sunny or light position.

Thrixanthocereus Blossfeldiorum. Rare, 4" each......\$2.00



CEREUS MILESSIMUS

A handsome tree cereus with many strict branches. Flowers white tinged red on the outer perianth segments. Fruits red, large, sweet. It likes a rich soil and moderate waterings.

BOWL COLLECTION. No. Z3. Five interesting plants for a dish garden.....

STAR CACTUS

Handsome yellow blossoms. Plant spotted with many white dots. Easily grown..........256

STONE FACE

These Lithops closely resemble beautifully marked pebbles. Quite rare. Each 30c

OX TONGUE

Handsome Gasteria with spotted leaves. Tall spikes of pink blossoms30c

AIR PLANT

Grows young plants on the tips of its leaves: Red bells at Christmas 25c

DUMPLING CACTUS











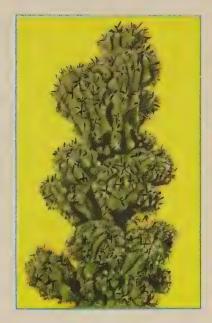


BORZICACTUS SEPIUM

This very lovely species bears bright ded blossoms in the spring. It produces its flowers freely on the upper parts of the stem in long succession. I found them in widely separated localities in Ecuador; near Banos, Ambato, Otovalo, Chota and the Equatorial Monument. Wild plants are thicker stemmed and heavier spined than cultivated plants. Rich but porous soil and a sunny situation.



ECHINOCEREUS PAPILLOSUS



Cereus Hybridus Monstruosus



PAPER SPINE OPUNTIA

SETICEREUS

A genus segregated from **Borzicactus** because of the bristly head on its flowering stems. This head is composed of stiff brush-like bristles which spread laterally in all directions and among which the flowers are borne. The long tubular flowers are compressed, the tube and ovary with scales bearing long gray hairs. Due to the unfortunate remarks of Britton and Rose following their description of Binghamia melanostele recent authors have been led to confuse Binghamia as embracing these bristly headed plants.

Seticereus	Humboldtii.	Rare\$1
Seticereus	icosagonus.	Small

PACHYCEREUS

Usually very large plants with definite trunks; stems and branches stout, columnar. Flowers diurnal, short tubed, perianth segments short spatulate; stamens included, numerous, inserted along throat; style included; ovary and flower tube covered with small scales bearing felt and bristles in their axils. Fruit large, dry, usually densely covered with clusters of deciduous spines and bristles. Seeds large and black. Mexican tree cerei with one species from Guatemala. They are known to reach 60' in height. Handsome as pot specimens.

Pachycereus marginatus. See Lemaireocereus.

Pachycereus marginatus. See Lemaireocereus. Pachycereus grandis. Scarce. 6" - 8"....\$1.25 Pachycereus pecten-aboriginum. 4" - 5" 50c and Pachycereus Pringlei. See page 21. 50c and 25c



SELENICEREUS

Climbing or clambering, slender, elongated Cacti, the joints ribbed or angled giving off aerial roots; areoles small, bearing small spines. Flowers often very large, nocturnal, flower tube elongated; scales on tube and ovary small usually with long felt, hairs and bristles in their axils; outer perianth segments and upper scales similar, narrow, often brightly colored; inner segments broad, white; filaments long, weak, in two distinct clusters; style elongated, thick, often hollow. Fruit large, reddish, covered with spines, bristles and hairs. The night blooming Cerei are well known and beautiful flowering plants largely epiphytic, climbing in

flowering plants largely epiphytic, climbing in trees or on rocks.
Selenicereus coniflorus. Spiny stemmed. Free flowering
Selenicereus Donkelaarii. I collected this in-
teresting species from the very platform the
maidens were thrown from into the Sacred
Well at Chichen Itza, Yucatan
Selenicereus hamatus. Ready 195275c
Selenicereus hondurensis. Each
Selenicereus MacDonaldiae. Queen of Night. 40c
Selenicereus Maxonii
Selenicereus Murrillii75c
Selenicereus pteranthus, Princess of Night.
40c
Selenicereus spinulosus. Pink
Selenicereus Urbanianus 75c Selenicereus Werklei. Short, slender, spine-
less stems. White, red throat



Climbing cacti often epiphytic, stems elongated, 3-angled with aerial roots, the areoles with felt and short spines or spineless. Flowers very large, nocturnal, funnelform with wide limb; ovary and tube with large, foliaceous scales but with no spines or wool; outer perianth segments often brightly colored, inner segments acute, mostly white, rarely red; stamens many in two series; style stout, stigma lobes simple or branched. Fruit large, spineless, with persistent scales, red, edible. Magnificent flowering plants easily grown. Give plenty of water in summer. water in summer.

HYLOCEREUS

Hylocereus sp. No. 3. Green. Flowers white. Hylocereus sp. No. 4. White stem...... \$1.00

MOON CERUS

Eriocereus Martinii. A free blooming species. Fruits bright red.....

35c



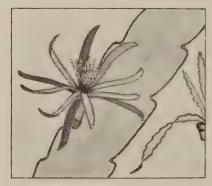
LOXANTHOCEREUS AUREISETOSUS

These small Cerei from the coastal regions of Peru are charming with their lively red or orange blossoms and tawny spines. They are rather small to 18" often with several stems. Water only moderately. Keep dry in winter. 3" - 5" 75c.





SNOWDROP CACTUS



PSUEDORHIPSALIS MACRANTHA

This pretty Mexican plant has arching, flat stems which bear at the arcoles 1½" wide, very fragrant blossoms, the outer petals rich yellow the inner segments white, Likes leafmold in its soil.

PEPEROMIA

A group of tropical plants belonging to the Black Pepper family. Some are very pretty window garden

CEROPEGIA RADICANS



RHIPSALIS

ON these pages I am including cacti and succulents most of which do best in partial shade. There are literally hundreds of plants of great interest or beauty which are very seldom seen except in fanciers' collections or botanic gardens. Only the avid collector ever sees them and seldom can buy them. Even the best known are hard to locate. A great many choice greenhouse plants can be called "Succulents" only by courtesy for they grow in tropical jungles as epiphytes on trees or on rocks or rooted on the jungle floor. From 1800 to the turn of the century these "foliage" plants were very popular and, in the United States, are becoming increasingly so again as fanciers find they are not hard to grow.

Rhipsalis and allied genera are shade plants and are found from Mexico to Argentina generally in the mountains, almost always growing in the trees. They do not have spectacularly large blossoms but are quite pretty when in bloom and always are interesting.



LINK CACTUS



DISOCACTUS EICHLAMII



PROPAGATING HOUSE

View in one of our propagating houses where seeds and cuttings are started and young plants established before putting in outdoor frames. Most cacti are grown from seeds though many of the more common kinds are propagated by cuttings.



RHIPSALIS GRANDIFLORA



RHIPSALIS CRISPATA



PUYA ALPESTRIS



CRYPTANTHUS ROSEA-PICTA

A very pretty plant with brightly striped leaves in pink and bronze. Likes a light but not too sunny position. Sand, leafmold and a little loam makes a good potting mixture. 50c

CRYPTANTHUS

Small Brazilian Bromeliads forming pretty rosettes of striped or colored leaves. Give them a sandy soil with leafmold, a light position and during summer plenty of water, less in winter.

Cryptanthus acaulis. Small 3" - 4" rosettes.

Cryptanthus acaulis ruber. Red rosettes 35c Cryptanthus zonatus. Larger, brightly barred settes \$1



THE COLLECTION OF MRS. CHAS. McCOOL

Mrs. McCool of Browntown, Wisconsin writes that the Orchid Cactus had 76 blossoms and the Echinopsis 32 blossoms in 1950. She has had very good results with our plants.

AND SHADE PLANTS

Such plants as the various Bromeliads, Peperomias, Tradescantias, Hoyas, Pelargoniums, Ceropegias, Bowiea, Sanseverias, etc. are often grown along with succulents for they thrive under similar conditions as the Echeverias. They add interest and often do exceedingly well particularly if one is inclined to be a little lavish with water. If one is familiar only with the commonly seen species of some of these plants he is surprised to learn that many are really succulents and grow along with cacti and the more reduced succulent plants. Some of the Pelargoniums (Geraniums) bear prickles and have thick, succulent stems and beautiful or curious blossoms. Peperomias ape the Lithops in bearing windowed leaves. Ceropegias are sometimes succulent bushes. Tradescantias may be very drought resistant — one I found in Guatemala looked like an Echeveria. A most interesting group are the Cissus (Grape) from South Africa which are very large-leaved, succulent, small trees with bulbous trunks but still bearing their red bunches



RHIPSALIS RHOMBEA



CHIAPASIA NELSONII



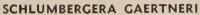
WEBEROCEREUS BIOLLEYI



RICE CACTUS



PEPEROMIA VARIEGATA

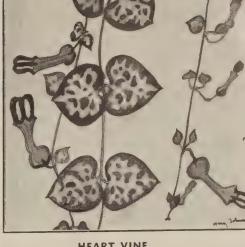


A handsome Brazilian epiphytic cac-

EPIPHYLLANTHUS OBOVATUS

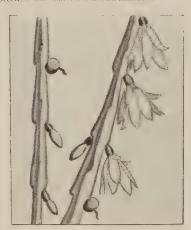
RHIPSALIDOPSIS ROSEA

A dwarf Brazilian cactus with rose colored blossoms. A fragile plant liking a cool shady place. Ready 1952........\$1



HEART VINE
ROSARY VINE
Ceropegia Woodii

A trailing vine with heart-shaped leaves
variegated silvery-white and green. Flowers curious, purple. Grows from a small
tuber. This African succulent grows very
easily liking a well lighted position. Use
a rich but porous soil and a moderate
amount of water.
Potted.......



POPCORN CACTUS

Rhipsalis Warminglana is a Brazilian plant with slender, flat or 3-winged stems and rather large, drooping, white flowers borne quite freely. The fruits are dark purple berries. Partial shade, porous soil with leafmold and plenty of water in summer.

35c

HATIORA

Allied to Rhipsalis but quite distinct. Stems bottle-shaped or cylindric, short with a large, woolly, terminal areole from which the new stems and flowers arise. Flowers yellow or orange otherwise as in Rhipsalis. These pretty plants do well in a quite porous soil with leafmold. They like a light but not very sunny place and a cool rather than hot atmosphere.

Hatiora	bambusoides	.400
Hatiora	salicornioides	59c

LEPISMIUM

Epiphytic cacti with long, slender, flat or angled, crenate branches the areoles with tufts of white hair. Flowers white with a short tube; filaments slender united to the tube; fruit globose, smooth, turgid, purple. An interesting genus related to Hatiora and Rhipsalis but differing in having a short flower tube and filaments not borne on disk.

Lepismium cruciforme.50c



A NEBRASKA COLLECTION

Mrs. Fred Reimers of Omaha, Nebraska has 105 dif-ferent kinds in her well kept collection. Many of her plants have come from our gardens and she has always been well pleased. Each year she adds a few more kinds.

ERYTHRORHIPSALIS PILOCARPA

A tiny Brazilian cactus (resembling Rhipsalis) with pink flowers and bristly fruit. Scarce. Ready 1952......\$1

RHIPSALIS

Epiphytic, terete or flat stemmed spineless cacti found from Mexico to Argentina. Flowers without tube, perianth segments distinct; filaments borne on disk.

Rhipsalis	bolivianus	.75c
Rhipsalis	capilliformis. Slender, drooping	35c
Rhipsalis	cassutha. Peruvian form	.50c
Rhipsalis	clavatus. Copper colored	.35c
Rhipsalis	crispatus	.35c
Rhipsalis	dissimilis. With bristles	.35c
Rhipsalis	heteroclada	.50c
Rhipsalis	Lindbergiana. Pinkish flowers.	40c
Rhipsalis	Neves-Armondii	.35c
Rhipsalis	pachyptera. Green form	.50c
Rhipsalis	pachytera. Purple stemmed	.50c
Rhipsalis	pendula	.50c
Rhipsalis	pentaptera. Many ribbed	.50c
Rhipsalis	pulvinigera	.40c
Rhipsalis	Schaferi	.50c
Rhipsalis	teres. Slender terete stems	.35c
	trigona. 3-angled, fruit red	
Rhipsalis	virgata. Terete, pendulous	.35:



MISTLETOE CACTUS

A compactly branched plant. Rhipsalis mesembryanthemoides has small white flowers and mistletoe-like berries. The short joints have slightly woolly areoles. Likes shade, generous waterings and porous soil. Native to Rio de Janeiro.



POLDI SVETNIC

Listing of Orchid Cacti

The hybrids have been listed according to the general ground colors as this is perhaps the simplest way to find a wanted plant or select new additions. They could be listed according to parentage but this is always confusing not to say controversial. In some cases where the dominant parent contributes a decided racial character they are listed accordingly.

Red and Violet Red

Amber Queen. A large flower up to 10", brilliant orange-red. Inner petals undulate margined shading to yellow at the base giving the flower an amber glow. A good grower. Each 75c

Champion. A large, wide opening blossom of deep red. Petals broad, edged with violet with light red center stripe. Has both flat and

Dante. A large 9" blossom orange-red the inner petals suffused with delicate violet tones. A vigorous grower with some 3-angled stems.

Germanica. Predominately purple with maron outer petals deepening toward the center.

Belgian Pfau. Outer petals deep orange, in-er petals dark violet shading to lavender the etal edges white. Fragrant, wide opening.

Scarlet Giant. An old favorite. Blossoms very large, orange-scarlet the tapering petals divided by an orange stripe. Throat violet-red.......75c

Erlauer Kind. Wide, all violet flower with flaring outer petals. Plant growth vigorous with thorny, triangular stems......90c

Viviana. A favorite old variety. Red-purple blossoms widely opening. Good basket variety. 75c

CALLENDER'S PFAU



EPIPHYLLUM

ORCHID CACTI

ORCHID Cacti is a better name than Epiphyllum for the present day hybrids for they are bi-generic or tri-generic crosses. Hybridists have taken the white flowered wild species of Epiphyllum and crossed them with Heliocereus, Nopalxochia, Selenicereus, Hylocereus, Chiapasia and apparently Echinopsis. Since the hybrids have inherited characteristics from both parents there is small cause for wonder at the great variation to be found in the Orchid Cacti. They run the gamut in color from white through all the shades of pink and violet, reds and orangereds and various combinations of colors where the perianth segments are bordered or striped with contrasting colors. There are no true yellows or blues as yet. Hybrids with Selenicereus blood often have a golden outer perianth but the inner will be white or very pale. True blue is a very rare or non-existant color in the Cactaceae which however has many purples and lilac-pinks.

New hybrids are being raised continually and perhaps over 3 000 have been named. Of a certainty many of these can differ but slightly. Most have ceased to exist often because the plants are weak growers or very subject to diseases or are shy bloomers or offer no improvements over better known varieties. The hybridizer now has a much clearer picture of what kind of improvements he wants and with the known recorded data, just how to go about securing it. New races are being developed or their further possibilities explored such as the Chiapasia and Nopalxochia hybrids which have a character all their own. There are several genera that could yet be used such as Weberocereus, Werckleocereus Mediocactus and Deamia. One can look forward eagerly to pleasant surprises yet to come.

Peacockii. Bright carmine-red with lumine-scent violet-blue throat. A huge blossom with overlapping petals. Stems triangular. Lovely.

Gamut. Radiating garnet-red outer petals. Inner petals red-violet edged with lavender

Northern Lights. Silver-lavender throat deepening towards the ends of the petals, tipped with rose-red. Flaring, dark-red outer

Hans Rehm. Highly lacquered 8" blossoms. Claret-red petals bordered in deep violet. Plant stems deeply notched. Good basket

Camillo Schnieder. Large red flower, petals bordered with lavender with lavender throat. Triangular stems.....

Grandiflora. A large wide open flower with broad petals of red and violet......**75c**

Ackermannii. Not the true species but the one generally in the trade. A free-flowering red variety often with 3-angled stems......60c

Liberta Knebel. The tapered, frilled petals brick-red edged with violet standing well apart......75c

Fiesta. Large rich red blossoms the outer petals scarlet with orange center stripe, inner petals orange bordered with violet.............75c

Tulip. Vivid red flower with very broad rounded petals. Lovely......75c

Loebneri. Inner petals rose-lavender also the pistil and sta-mens. Outer petals red violet **75c**

Oberst Kunrich. Inner petals deep violet outer series shading from maroon to copper. Slender, spreading petals. Flower Chry-santhemum-like in appearance.

EPIPHYLLUM PLANTS

Epiphyllums offered are well rooted cuttings often with secondary shoots. Large specimens are not available.



PROFESSOR EBERT

PALETTE ASSORTMENT Collection Z-4

Beautiful Orchid Cacti for the Window

1 Red. Labelled.

1 White. Labelled.

1 Bicolor. Labelled.

Named varieties of first quality and fine types.....

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named Orchid Cacti in a fine range of colors and types for 4" pots.

A rainbow in your window.....

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CULTURE

THE Orchid Cacti are not desert plants but forest or jungle plants and need quite different care than the true desert types. The parents are native to Mexico and Central America and extend to Brazil and Peru in South America. Some are found in the wet jungles but most of the larger flowered types from which our hybrids have descended are native to the drier mountain forests where oaks and pines are at home. I have collected many wild species but the oak and pine forest plants were always the handsomest.

Thus it will be seen that these plants like a cool or warm rather than a hot climate. They don't like freezing of course and at temperatures below 32° one is taking unnecessary chances. In California they will take temperatures of 27° without great harm and with the protection of wrapping paper, burlap, etc., they survived temperatures of 19° outside under lath.

Since they are often epiphytes, that is tree-dwellers living perched up on the branches or clinging to the trunks, it will be seen that they enjoy fresh air. Give them good ventilation, they will appreciate it more than heat. They do not enjoy a close, stagnant atmosphere though they will do very well even under such conditions. conditions.

Epiphytes are not used to sticky Epiphytes are not used to sticky or clayey soils as in nature the roots creep about in the moss, roots and accumulated humus which is understandably not too plentiful high up in a tree nor is much to be found on the rocks or cliffs which the plants also frequent. Thus in your garden they will thrive best in an open, porous soil with leafmold (humus) where the roots will get plenty of air. They will suffocate in wet. of air. They clayey soils. They will suffocate in wet,

There is generally some shade where they grow, not dense shade but broken sunlight. So in your window garden put them where they get some sunlight but not the hot mid-day sun. If they can be put outdoors in the summer they will appreciate it. On a protected veranda or under the shade of a tree will suit them fine. suit them fine.

To sum up their requirements which are simple and easily within the reach of every window gardener: Pot them in loose, open soil using not too big a pot seeing that the pot is drained so excess water can escape; put them in a position where some sun is had but partially protected from the hottest sun and where there is some fresh air; water carefully, don't keep them dry but do not saturate them, give only enough so they will dry out in about a week or so; in winter time keep them from growing as much as possible by keeping a little drier and cooler.

Potting soil: 1 part leafmold, 1 part coarse sand, 1 part sandy loam. Old rotted cow manure may be added up to 1 part. Optional.



A PENNSYLVANIA COLLECTION

Mrs. Ivan Gehman of Denver, Pa., flowered many of her plants last summer. She has 250 different kinds. Thelocactus bicolor had 3 flowers, Hamatocactus 6 flow-ers, the Gymnocalyciums all flowered as did the Parodias. More than 50 kinds flowered.



ORCHID CACTI

Various flower forms and colors. Note the difference in size, petal shape and arrangement and the difference in the inner and outer perianth segments (petals). The varieties shown are: Top 5, left to right; Valencia, Rosetta, Londonii, Fairyland, Romance; next 3, slanting row; Gloria, Peacockii, Prof. Ebert; next 3, Admiral Togo, Marseillaise, Bohemienne; bottom; Jenkinsonii. Photo taken in Cactus Pete's garden, color plate courtesy Scott E. Haselton from the Epiphyllum Handbook.

Red-Violet, Maroon

Hermosissimus. (Dr. Houghton). An exquisite flower one of the most striking I know. Inner petals brilliantly bordered with violet with orange center stripe, throat an effulgent electric blue-violet. Outer petals bright red shading into orange-red. Each \$1.25

Anton Gunther. Excellent flower in tones of blue violet. Inner petals with rounded tips forming a wide cup. Petals with red-violet to lilac center stripe and white border. Back petals red violet.

August von Szombathy. Outer petals deep

Frederich Werner Beul. Fragrant 10" blossoms, petals with reddish orange center stripe shading into violet and pale lavender with white edges. Petals broad, flat, crinkled.....75c

Paula Knebel. Large flower with spreading petals. Outer petals crimson, inner petals violet shading to lavender at edge with orange center

Red Queen. Bright orange-red blossoms with faint lavender overlay a free bloomer and vigorous grower...

Sacuntala. Handsomely striped flowers, unusual color. The lanceolate petals are terracotta edged with carmine with a violet center

White



White. (Continued)

Londonii. A European variety showing a considerable amount of yellow. Inner petals creamy white, outer series yellow deepening to gold.

Oswald Knebel. Large white blossoms the outer perianth yellow shading to gold and brown. 85c

Eden. Large fragrant flowers the outer perianth rich yellow shading to pure white within with pale green throat. Excellent bloomer....85c

Mt. Hood. Large, pure white inner perianth with pale green throat. Outer series yellow. Fragrant, opening widely......85c

A SPLENDID COLLECTION

Mr. Theodore Grahl of Woodridge, N. J., puts many of his plants in outdoor beds during the summertime with fine results. He has been collecting cacti for more than 50 years and has one of the finest groups of rare cacti in the country. A real plantsman.



Stadrat Richter. Fragrant white flower produced from base of the short stems. Outer perianth golden yellow, inner series ruffled, pure white.

Pink and Rose

Agatha. Soft pastel pink petals with satiny sheen the base of the petals cherry-red. Large, wide opening flowers. Free bloomer and strong grower.

Rosetta. Clear rose pink shaped like a rosebud with incurved inner petals, outer petals recurved. A good basket variety of medium growth.85c

Symphony. Large cup and saucer-like flower with delicate violet throat and contrasting rosybuff petals......85c

Scheherazade. Fine free bloomer with bright pink flowers deepening on second day to lilac.



RATTAIL CACTUS

Aporocactus flagelliformis. Not available.

Cynthia. Delicate clear pink. Inner perianth full, cup shaped, th white throat. Outer series reflexed. Good grower, fine for

Ramona. Outer perianth rose-pink, inner series salmon-pink shading to pale pink......85c

Madam Sallier. Light flesh-pink blossoms the inner petals with darker pink center stripe....75c



EMPRESS

This lovely plant is commonly known as Empress or Deutsche Kaiserin. It is probably the true wild Nopalxochia phyllanthoides though the best types are quite likely to be hybrids. Until the wild plants are identified one can only add to

NOPALXOCHIA

A small Mexican genus near Epiphyllum but differing in having a quite short tube. In Epiphyllum the tube is slender and longer than the limb. Some botanists have included E. Ackermannii, recently re-discovered, to the genus. Britton and Rose's description of their genus would allow the inclusion of this plant for they definitely state "inner (perianth) spreading or connivent." The cultivated E. Ackermannii are of hybrid origin probably with Heliocereus but not H. speciosus. Strangely these two beautiful plants have evaded the collector for 125 years though cultivated plants are found in the localities where they probably are wild. It is possible the newly refound N. Ackermannii may produce a new race of small flowered Orchid Cacti.

Nopalxochia phyllanthoides. Empress.....85c

Orange, Amber

Sun Goddess. Huge 10" flowers of brilliant burnt orange with golden sheen. Violet eye in throat. Petals large and graceful..............85c

Flamingo. Large flowers, brilliant orange-amber with pink overlay shading to violet in

Sachsenland. Large, coppery-orange flowers with violet throat resembling Sun Goddess 85c

Brown Bear. Lovely cup-shaped blossoms of bronzy orange. Strong, fast growing......**75c**

Thorienne. Flower of unusual wide funnelform shape the outer perianth segments slender, erect. Petals red shading to violet along the margins....



CHRISTMAS CACTUS

EMPRESS HYBRIDS

The hybrids of Nopalxochia phyllanthoides are charming. The small blossoms are like rose-buds the outer perianth segments curled back the inner segments rather bell-shaped. Like Empress the plants are not large. They are fine for baskets or pots.

Sea Breeze. Fine variety with brilliant pink 3" blossoms. Inner perianth bell-shaped, outer segments large and erect of deeper pink. Plant vigorous and compact......\$2.50

Bambi. Exquisite fuchsia-red with darker center stripe shading into the carmine throat. Inner perianth trumpet-shaped outer segments long, recurving in a graceful spiral, fuchsia colored. Flowers and plant slightly larger than Empress. \$1.50

Cay Senorita. Pale rose, veined with dark rose blending to scarlet in the throat. Petals broader than Empress. Similar to Empress in \$1.50

Dragonet. Coral blending to purple with crimson throat. Outer perianth segments with prominent white mid-stripe. Inner perianth bell-shaped. \$2.50



HERMOSISSIMUS 3/5 Natural Size....... \$1.25

CHIAPASIA HYBRIDS

These lovely small plants have somewhat the growth and habit of Chiapasia. The branches are slender and the flowers are generally quite of the Chiapasia type though not always.

Chiapasia Marionette. A lovely lilac pink darkening toward the edges of the petals the throat lime-green. Firm texture and bold carriage add to the beauty of this flower. Bellshaped with long tube. Shows little of the character of Chiapasia Nelsonii. Each.......\$4.00

Chiapasia Monmonier. Carmine with deep fuchsia border the petals often being veined with fuchsia and of silky texture. Flower trumpet-shaped; filaments rose, stigma orange.

Chiapasia Nayada. Wide bell-shaped blossoms of delicate lavender. Petals have a deep lilac border with symmetrical stripes running toward the center.

LOBEIRA

A genus of Epiphyllum-like plants from southern Mexico near Eccremocactus and Nopalxochia. Epiphyllum-like stems the crenations with large, cushioned areoles, spineless; flowers diurnal purplish-rose; ovary orbicular the minute, ovate bracts with short wool in axils; perianth tube grooved, funnelform same length as limb, bearing scales; perianth segments numerous recurved spreading; stamens numerous; style stout. An interesting newer genus.

Lobeira MacDougallii. As available......\$1.50

DRY FOREST EPIPHYTES

This picture I took in April in Baja Verapaz above Salama, Guatemala. The plants growing in this summer-deciduous oak are Bromeliads. Note the pine in the background. Near here I found Epiphyllum guatemalense and Hylocereus guatemalensis. They grow in an area a little more moist.



A reliable variety with warm pink blossoms with cherry-red eye.....

75c









BEAUTIFUL

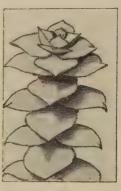
SUCCULENTS are becoming ever more popular as fanciers become familiar with their odd and often beautiful flowers and forms. They are termed "succulents" because of their juicy leaves or stems. Nature has provided these to store water to tide them over the long dry seasons of their homes which are deserts or dry brushlands. All desert regions do not have succulents. It apparently takes a very long time for plants to make such great changes, Thus only those regions which have become progressively drier over eons of time (in South Africa due probably to the slow elevation of a great land mass) have provided the necessary conditions. Probably also the fortuitous presence of certain plant families or their progenitors may be involved. The most prolific regions are Mexico and South Africa from whence are derived the great bulk of our plants. However they are also found in the United States, Central and South America, Arabia, all of Africa and the adjacent islands including Madagascar. Scattered species are native to Europe, India, China and even Japan. Australia has produced none unless we include Hoya.

Succulents belong to a diverse group of plant families chiefly Crassulaceae, Aizoaceae (Ice Plants), Euphorbiaceae, Asclepiadaceae (Milk Weeds), Liliaceae (Aloe), Amaryllidaceae (Agave), Compositae (Senecio), Portulacaceae (Anacampseros), Geraniaceae, Apocynaceae, Piperaceae. It is interesting to know that so many familiar plants in your own gardens and fields have cousins in far-away lands that have assumed such bizarre shapes. Mexico has given us such distinctive things as Echeveria, Pachyphytum, Sedum, Dudleya, Agave, Nolina, Yucca and numerous other similar plants. Africa has an extremely rich flora and some plant families are fabulously prolific.



Striped Euphorbia

Euphorbia valida is more or less banded in a zig-zag pattern. A choice collector's item and quite scarce. The plants are either male or female and a pair is needed to produce seeds. Pairs. \$4. Nice specimens \$1.00



PAGODA PLANT

A lovely green form of Crassula perforata. The plants grow upright to 12" branching only at the base. Very popular in arrangements. Grows easily in sun or shade. Nice. 3 for 50c. 25c

DRAGON TREE



COBWEB PLANT



These small plants are most interesting. There are two groups one with thick green leaves in rosettes the other much rarer with papery, white, overlapping stipules the slender stems branching from the base. The first are easily grown and bear rather pretty pink blossoms. The others are extremely slow in growth and should be kept in a dry, light position.

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Anacampseros filamentosa. Pink flowers. 25c and 50c.

A. lanceolata. Large pink, 35c. A. rufescens. Pink, 25c.
tomentosa. 25c. A. telephiastrum. 35c

Anacampseros fissa. Very dwarf white. Rare. Imported
African plants, \$1.50. A. sp

white species. 6 years old. \$1.50



CHAIN PLANT

Tradescantia navicularis. An interesting Peruvian species. In summer the stems elongate and bear pretty, pink, 3-petalled blossoms. pink, 3-petall Easy to grow. Each

Tradescantia zebrina. A pretty, large leaved, striped form of this popular plant.

ARCETA PETRENSIS

A mesemb forming small clusters of short, thick, blue-green leaves arranged in pairs on short stems. Pink flowers. Sandy soil and a sunny place. Each 25c

BULBINE

A small group of liliaceous plants with long, slender, terete leaves either
rosettes or caulescent. Flowers in terminal racemes yellow or white. Do well in a
light, loam soil with moderate waterings. A light or
sunny position.

Bulbine caulescens. Small
shrub. Flowers yellow. Each
40c
Bulbine Triebneri. Small.

Bulbine Triebneri. Small. Grey leaves. White flowers.



STARFISH FLOWER

Stapelia variegata is the most common of these curious plants. The blossoms are 2" across of a peculiarly leathery texture, spotted with maroon on a yellow ground. Flowers freely. Prefers a sunny place.



SUCCULENTS

The Mesembrianthemums have reached a high degree of specialization and range from shrubby types to the curiously reduced Conophytums, Ophthalmophyllums and Lithops. A lifetime of study would not acquaint one with all the diverse forms. Euphorbia is a huge genus with over 1,000 species containing many succulent forms from large trees to the cactoid Euphorbia obesa. Strangely but few of the American Euphorbias are very succulent. Asclepiadaceae has diverged into two succulent tribes the Stapelieae and Ceropegias. They probably started in India the home of the less specialized types. Tracing them to South Africa they become progressively more specialized with many curious genera. Though many have a disagreeable odor the flowers are often astoundingly large (up to 18") and beautiful. Crassulaceae has the shrubby Cotyledons and Aeoniums and a great variety of Crassulas some of which are very reduced and quite pretty. Liliaceae is very diversified with many rosette types ranging from tiny Haworthias to Aloe Bainesii recorded by Marianne North 70' tall. Bowiea has a large exposed bulb. Aloes are among the most striking plants in our gardens with their thick rosettes of leaves sometimes 4' across and often with trunks several feet high. Their tall spikes of fiery red blossoms are a glorious sight. Portulacaceae in the genus Anacampseros has a remarkable development. One group has scarious white stipules clothing the tiny stems completely. Compositae in Senecio (the succulent species are often called Kleinia) has some curious species, tuberous, shrubby, succulent stemmed, window leaved and rosette types. Geraniaceae has some odd species in Pelargonium, thick stemmed shrubs, a few spined. Vitaceae in Cissus has some curious, succulent, small trees. Apocynaceae a curious, thick stemmed, pole-like tree, Pachypodium.



SPLIT ROCK

These very curious African succulents are real mimicry plants so closely resembling the stones among which they grow as to be very difficult to find except in flower. Pleiospilos Nelii is easy to grow in a sunny window watering lightly when dry. Sandy soil. 1½" - 2" 35c

OPHTHALMOPHYLLUM

These very interesting small "window plants" are closely related to Lithops which they much resemble except for their pink or white flowers and often pubescent growths. They are softer and more succulent. They should be given a dry rest during summer.

Ophthalmophyllum Friederickii. Copper 50c

> 50c 50c

.50c

Ophthalmophyllum Larisae Ophthalmophyllum Maughanii. Ophthalmophyllum multipunctatum.
Ophthalmophyllum Schlecteri.....

Ophthalmophyllum Triebneri.

Ophthalmophyllum verrucosum.



LITHOPS BELLA

The Stone Faces are amongst the most curious and strange of all plants, for they imitate the pebbles among which they grow both in shape and coloration. They are also "window" plants. Some are white, others red, green or brown. They bear their bright blossoms in autumn. Sunny location.

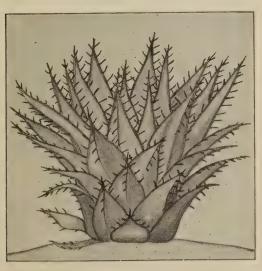


A genus of Asclepiads often with lovely "wax flowers." H. carnosa and its hybrids and varieties likes a cool, moist situation with leafmold and sand. The others are

	carnosa. See page 43 carnosa variegata. Page 43
Hova	Keysii. Australia\$1.00
	Motoskei. White, red corona \$1.00
Hova	sp. #1. Described yellow flowers
	\$1.00



Hoya sp. #2. Perhaps near Motoskei \$1



The lacy effect of Haworthia setata is produced by the white, bristly teeth. The leaves are lined with transparent windows. Easily grown in quite sandy soil, moderate waterings, part shade. Keep dry in July and August.



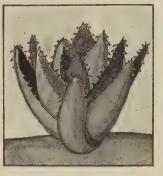
BOWIEA

A curious South African plant. The large, green, succulent bulb sits on top the soil reaching 3" - 5" in diameter. When watered a twining green shoot grows to a height of several feet. The "leaves" are really an intricately branched inflorescence bearing greenish flowers.



PUSSY EARS

Cyanotis somaliensis has v ly leaves and purple and or blossoms. Part sun.



CROCODILE ALOE



JEWEL PLANT
A lovely mimicry plant often becoming colored in winter. The rugose leaves are blue-green and white the blossoms yellow. Titanopsis





AGAVE VICTORIAE-REGINAE





MEXICAN FIRECRACKER



EUPHORBIA OBESA

A strange and rare cactus-like succulent from South Africa. Thrives in sandy loam with leafmold and gravel and plenty of sun. The plants are dioecious (i.e., male or female). Plants round, becoming cylindrical.

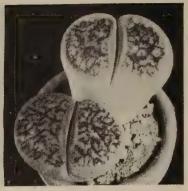
Each 1" - 1½" \$1



LITHOPS FULLER!



A new Sedum with white leaves. Sedum torulosum. New Shrubby.



LITHOPS AUCAMPIAE

The red Lithops is a great favorite.
The plant body attains large size, is brick red with a very intricate window pattern which is quite variable from plant to plant. Blossoms large, yellow, borne in September.

35c

ARGYRODERMA

The Silver Skins are a most interesting and handsome genus of Mesembs generally with but a pair of thick, silvery white leaves forming the plant. Some, with age, form clusters. Flowers sessile, bracted, terminal, daisy-like, white, yellow, pink or coppery red. Stigma one, cupshaped in which it differs from Cheiridopsis. Growing season from September to spring. Flowering from October through November. They need a dry rest June to September. Sunny location, sandy soil watering only when dry. Easy to grow.

Argyroderma ovale 50c
Argyroderma roseum. A lovely large species 50c 50c 50c



INCH WORM PLANT

The curious Kleinia pendula seems to be undecided as to whether it belongs to the animal or plant world! The stems loop up and down as they go forward just like an Inch Worm. Sandy soil. Fertilize during summer when growing, water moderately, shade slightly. In winter keep dry. Bears large scarlet flowers like carnations, in spring.

35c



ECHEVERIA "SOLEDAD" A very pretty multiple cross Echeveria with fine flowers in early spring. Pale silvery green rosettes.

ADROMISCHUS

A genus distinguished from Cotyledon by its small tubular flowers borne in terminal spikes. The leaves are often spotted. The plants are small sometimes caulescent. Sandy soil with leafmold and plenty of fresh air. Sun or part shade. Very attractive and make fine specimens well worth extra attention.

Adromischus Alstonii. Long, fat, silvery green leaves.

Adromischus Cooperi. See A. festivus.

Adromischus clavifolius. Pretty Pebbles. Com-

Adromischus cristatus. A very pretty species with bright green, crested leaves and rufous-red stems hairy with adventitious roots.....35c

Adromischus fusiforme. Each......50c Adromischus rhombifolius. Large, faintly spotted, crested leaves......50c

Adromischus triflorus. Pretty, spotted, crest-



AN ENGLISH COLLECTION

"The plants sent in June have arrived and I am delighted with them as many I have not had before." Mrs. M. L. Adgey Edgar, Surrey.

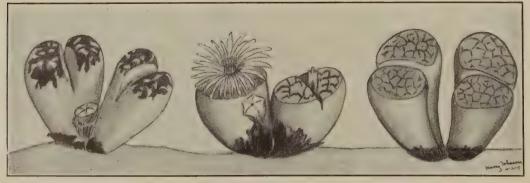


SILVER CROWN

ALOINOPSIS

Closely allied to Nananthus to which most of the genus has been transferred. Roots large, carrot-like producing in age several crowns. The plants are variable and quite pretty. Sandy soil, full sun, adequate but not too much

Aloinopsis Schooneesii. A very choice species with small, thick, rounded-spatulate, much dotted, blue-green leaves. Pretty yellow blosdotted, blue Rare.



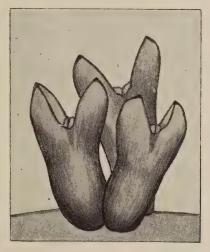
LITHOPS FRAMESII

LITHOPS URSULAE

LITHOPS FULVICEPS

The fat flat topped leaves are rosy







The Century Plants are from the south-west and Mexico. They generally flower within 25 years and their tall branched spikes are familiar to travelers. The rosettes of many are very large up to several feet across though many of the prettiest are quite small. Give them a rich, well drained soil and a sunny location. Water moderately. In the winter they may be safely kept in a frost free cellar or attic. The species are innumerable but few are in general cultivation due to the space required. eral cultivation due to the space required.

Agave attenuata. A spineless, pale green species. The graceful rosettes in pot culture seldom reach more than 2' across. The trunk may become 3' tall. Ready in fall. Each 75c

Agave americana var. Victoriae-Reginae. A dwarf form of the century plant with golden-margined leaves. Each.....\$

Agave Victoriae-Reginae. See page 37



AFRICAN LIVING ROCK

Pleiospilos simulans is an extremely interesting "mimicry" plant. The thick, grey-dotted leaves closely resemble the rocks among which it grows. A few granite pebbles placed about it make an interesting exhibit. Blossoms in autumn. Thrives in very sandy soil with moderate waterings. Sunny location. Give it a dry rest during the summer, June till September.



RAINBOW BUSH





BURRO TAIL



SCARLET PAINT BRUSH



TIGER ALOE

Aloe variegata is sometimes called Partridge Breast Aloe. An old favorite, handsome and easy to grow. Leaves margined and marbled white. Scarlet bells in late winter. Sandy soil. 25c Each 35c and..



POLKA DOT ALOE



ALOE

A very large genus of spectacular, liliaceous plants principally from South Africa. They range from rosettes 2" across to handsome tree types many feet tall. The thick succulent leaves are arranged spirally into short rosettes sometimes acaulescent often with stout trunks. A few are climbers or scandent. The flower spikes may be simple or branched into great candelabra bearing hundreds of yellow-orange or red tubular bells. Marching over veld and kopje their flaming banners are one of the great sights Africa has to offer. Give generous treatment and good soil, sunny position.

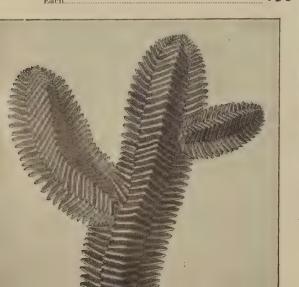
Aloe africana. A fine, quick growing tree aloe soon forming a trunk. Leaves armed with prickles. Flower spikes tall, simple, bells yellow and orange in early spring. Splendid. Stands

and brange in early spring, sprendig, stands	
19° at least. Each	
Aloe ausana. Similar to A. variegata but	
with gray seeds. Each50c	
Aloe aristata. A dwarf species with many	
slender, white-dotted leaves. One of the best	
for pots. Choice. Each 50c and	
Aloe Bainesii. Giant tree species to 60'.	
Smooth trunks \$2.00	
Aloe brevifolia. See page 37.	
Aloe comosa. Ready 195250c	
Aloe Dinteri. Spotted leaves\$1.00	
Aloe distans. Scandent. Yellow spined75c	
Aloe Greenei. Stripped leaves	
Aloe Krapohliana. Stemless. 195240c	
Aloe longistyla. Dwarf with the largest	
orange flowers35c	

Aloe striata. A fine flowering species with

PYRAMID CRASSULA

Crassula pyramidalis is a rare, collector's plant and is the most specialized of the laminate-leaved types. It bears terminal corymbs of fragrant, white "shaving brush" flowers. The flat, wedge-shaped leaves are tightly packed into tall columns. This South African species likes a sandy soil with leafmold and an airy light position watering only when dry. After establishing needs more sun.



LITHOPS

Beautiful and interesting small African Mesembs in a bewildering array of species over 50 being recognized with many additional forms. They are "mimicry" plants as well as "window" plants and are often brightly colored. The plants are simply a pair of succulent, connate leaves the stem being a thin plate between the roots and leaves. A new pair of leaves is formed each fall absorbing the old pair very slowly and eventually identically filling their place the old pair forming a dry shell enclosing the new leaves. They flower at the beginning of their growing season in autumn. See color plate page 37. Sandy soil, watering moderately when dry and a well lighted or sunny location. A dry rest during late June, July and August is necessary.

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L.	insularis	
L.	karasmontanum	
L.	kuibisensis	
L.	kunjasensis	50
L	lactea	35
L.	Lericheana	

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L. Marthae	25c
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L. Mundtii	40c
L. opalina	250
	400
L. olivacea. 1952	250
L. Peersii	50c
L. psuedotruncatella	35c
L. salicola	
L. Schwantesii	250
L. summitatum	
L. terricolor	
L. translucens	75c
L. turbiniformis	.35c
L. Triebneri	500
L. umdausensis	500
L. Ulliansellais	25.
L. Ursulae	.350
L. Werneri. 1952 \$	1.00



WART PLANT

BRYOPHYLLUM

Often included under Kalanchoe. Flowers fairly large, nodding, in paniculate false umbels, red, white or yellow. Leaves often bearing plantlets on their crenate margins which grow easily when planted. Hence the name Sprouting Leaf. Rich, well drained soil and cool location.

Bryophyllum Daigremontianum. Produces many plantlets along margins of its long spotted leaves. Interesting......25c



COOPER'S STAR FLOWER

Bryophylum Fedtschenkoi. Blue white leaves. Pale red flowers. Produces plantlets......25c

Bryophyllum tubiflorum. Page 37. Kitchingia peltata, Rare......40c

CONOPHYTUM

Related to Lithops but with quite different flowers. The leaves are completely joined with generally just a dimple where the flower will emerge. The plants form small rounded clusters or, in the bilobe group, upright growths. Flowers often small and yellow sometimes white or pink and charming. There are scores of species, really an incredible amount of variation and a fertile field for the fancier. Culture the same as for Lithops.

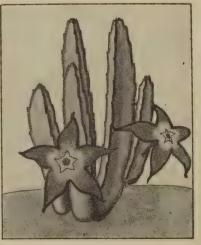
• •	aureum. Golden flowers Braunsii. Handsome pink. F	.50c Page .75c
Conophytum	Calculus. Scarce	.75c
	flavum giftbergensis. Page 42	50c 35c 50c 75c
Conophytum		75c

RIMARIA

A small genus of Mesembs near Gibbaeum but with more reduced growths resembling Conophytum. Flowers pink, white or yellow. Succulent leaves in connate pairs. Culture as for Lithops.

Rimaria	Heathii. Scarce50c
Rimaria	Luckhoffii. White flowers35c
Rimaria	Primosii, Ready 1952

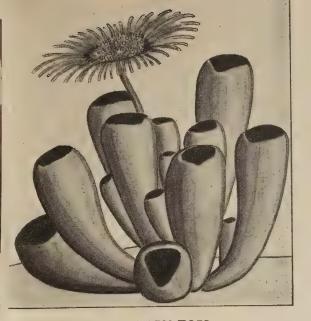




STAPELIA DIVARICATA



DESERT ROSE



Fenestraria aurantiaca. Orange flowered.....

CHEIRIDOPSIS

A large genus of Mesembs of tufted growth each with 1-3 pairs of equal leaves. Closely related to Gibbaeum and Argyroderma. Flowers large, yellow; leaves often long. Growing period September. Keep dry in summer.

Cheiridopsis Caroli-Schmidtii. Dwarf tufted Cheiridopsis peculiaris. Very reduced. Large flowers.

PLEIOSPILOS



CEROPEGIA SANDERSONI



A very large genus from South Africa. They vary greatly in size and form and in the amount of reduction of vegetative parts. Some are tall, leafy shrubs others are compact, tiny and imbricate leaved or rosette types. Related to Cotyledon but with upright flowers. Some are shade plants others like sun but generally all will be happy in a very light or partly sunny situation. To prevent a lush, unnatural growth and to preserve their curious forms water only moderately and give as much fresh air as possible. Too much water or a close atmosphere makes the growth weak and drawn.

Crassula	argentea. Jade Plant. Shrubby	35€
Crassula	cornuta. Rare white species	\$1.25
Crassula	corallina. Tiny white clusters	35c
Crassula	deceptrix. Rare white species	\$1.25
Crassula	deltoidea. Fine white leaves pink flower	ers 25c
Crassula	deltoidea hybrid. Handsome new hybri	d 25c
Crassula	hemisphaerica. See page 42	350
Crassula	X imperialis. C. pyramidalis X C. lycopo	dioides
Crassula	A imperialis. C. pyrainidans A C. Tycopo	25c
Communication	loot Condensat Family	
	Justi-Corderoyi. Fragile	
	lactiflora. Fine!	
	lycopodioides	
	montis draconis	
	mesembrianthemopsis	
Crassula	marginalis	25c
Crassula	perforata, 2 for35c	
Crassula	psuedolycopodioides25c	
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MEXICAN GEM

CEROPEGIA

A most interesting genus belonging to the same family as Stapelia but utterly different. Some are vines, others leafless shrubs, some have tubers. Native to Canary Islands and Africa. They like a porous but rich soil and during the summer, moderate to plentiful waterings. A very light position with some sun.

	Barkleyi. Page 42.
Ceropegia	caffrorum. Tuberous, vining35c
Ceropegia (debilis. Tuberous, vining35c
Ceropegia	dichotoma. Tall canes. Flowers yellow 75c
Ceropegia f	usca, Tall purple-brown canes. Rare \$1.00
Ceropegia	Haygarthii, Ready 1952. Very large flow-
ers purple an	d red. Rhodesia. New vine. Each\$1.50
Ceropegia r	adicans. Page 30.
Ceropegia :	stapeliiformis. Occasionally available\$1
Ceropegia	Woodii. Page 31.



At left:

CONOPHYTUM
BRAUNSII
Lovely, bright magenta-pink blossoms
in autumn. Forms
small, flat-toppe d
clusters. Sandy soil.
Near Lithops. Each





PAINTED LADY

PACHYPHYTUM

Handsome Mexican plants allied to Echeveria and Cotyledon. The leaves are thick and beautifully colored and are borne in a close spiral sometimes on 6" or taller stems. The flowers are subtended by fleshy bracts. Treat as for Echeveria

Pachyphytum brevifolium. Stems sticky. Each Pachyphytum compactum. Blue and grey 30c Pachyphytum near oviferum. Moonstones 35c

PACHYVERIA

Pachyveria	glauca. Handsome	25 c
	La Rochette. Ready 1952	
Pachyveria	Leslei. Tall	35 c



A WEST VIRGINIA COLLECTION

Mrs. J. W. Long has a well grown collection most of which have been purchased within the past three years. She has been well pleased with our plants and finds them strongly rooted and vigorous. Cactus growing is a stimulating hobby.



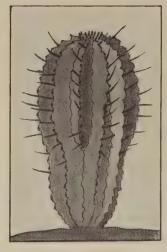


ARAB'S TURBAN

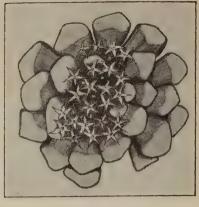
An odd and easy to grow succulent Crassula hemisphaerica always attracts attention. The green, light margined leaves are closely overlapping piling up into a mound. It likes a porous, well drained soil, plenty of light but not too much hot sun and moderate waterings. From Africa.

TITANOPSIS





DEVIL'S CLUB
Euphorbia cereiformis branches
quickly. Grows 35c



FOAM FLOWER

A rare mimicry plant Crassula mesembrianthemopsis is quite dwarf. The leaves are triangular, truncate, blue green, sand paper-like; the plant lies close to the soil. Flowers in a compact head, white, fragrant borne in the fall. Flowering 50c and

SENECIO

Belongs to Sunflower Family. The suc culent forms show this only in their flowers. They are allied to Kleinia which is often placed in Senecio. Give them a porous but fertile soil and moderate waterings.

Senecio	fulgens.	Rare.			.750
Senecio	scaposus,	Rare	3		.750
Senecio	stapeliifo	rmis.	Candy	Stick	350



ECHEVERIA SPRUCEANA A caulescent species from South America.

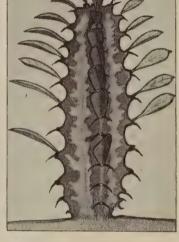
50c



CONOPHYTUM
GIFTBERGENSIS
Pale green grape-like bodies
forming large clusters. Grows well
in sand and leafmold. Flowers
yellow, in fall.

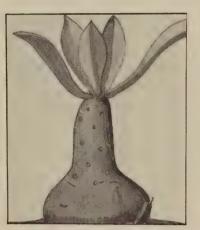


CEROPEGIA BARKLEYI
A trailing vine with tuberous roots.
Easily grown. Likes moisture, partial shade, rich porous soil. Leaves mottled, silvery white.
Potted. 35c



MILK TREE

Every collection should have Euphorbia Hermentiana. It grows tall branching freely and soon makes a fine specimen. Plants mottled white. Each.....



COTYLEDON PANICULATA

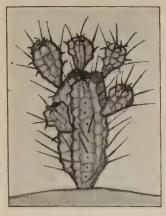






Aloe nobilis bears its tall spikes of red flowers during the summer. A small growing species 6" in diameter it clusters from the base. Often used for borders. Stands 20°. Aloes have a strong root system and like a fertile soil. Most of them like a sunny position or a very light one.



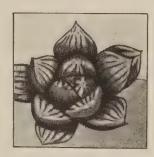








Crassula deltoidea has fat, white powdered leaves and bears trusses of small, pink, urn-shaped flowers in fall. Plant branches freely. Likes a rather poor soil to color best and flower well. Each 25c



WINDOW PLANT

The truncate leaves of Haworthia cuspidata are prettily patterned with lucent panes. The plant is fresh green and grows easily in sandy soil in a light position.





THREAD SAND ROSE
Anacampseros filamentosa bears
pretty pink blossoms in autumn.
Easy to grow and flowers in a
light window.
Each. 25c

The rosettes of leaves are powdered and mottled blue-grey. It grows easily and makes an attractive specimen. Fallen leaves will grow. Plants of this character will do well in sun or shade. Moderate waterings.



NECKLACE VINE



Hoya carnosa bears lovely, wax-like pink blossoms and shining, dark green leaves. Likes leafmold, moisture and partial shade. From 60c





Every piece of the moss-like Crassula psuedolycopodioides will grow. Sun or shade. Very pretty.



ECHEVERIA

A large genus mostly of Mexican origin though found as far south as Peru. They vary greatly in appearance and habit some being rosettes others shrubby some quite small others as large as a cabbage. The flowers often are lovely, brightly colored, waxy bells in bracted panicles. Those with smooth leaves do best in sun those with hairy leaves prefer some shade. They like humus in the soil which should be well drained and not allowed to become too dry. Good ventilation prevents their becoming "drawn" and etiolated.

Echeveria coccinea. Tall. Scarlet flower	
35	ic
Echeveria Doris Taylor. Handsome40	c
Echeveria elegans. White	
Echeveria expatriata 25	
Echeveria gilva (E. simulans) 35	
	C
Echeveria microcalyx 25	C
Echeveria multicaulis 30) c
Echeveria plumosa (E. leucotricha)35	
Echeveria pubescens, Tail35	c
Echeveria pubescens, Tall	C
Echeveria pulvicox. Lovely red leaves 25	C
Echeveria recurvata. Fine. Tall	10
Echeveria secunda hybrida. Red flowere	d
35	
Echeveria setoliver. Handsome flowere	
25	
Echeveria setosa. Ship in cool weather	
nly40)c
tcheveria Spruceana 75	
Echeveria Weingartii 50)c

DUDLEYA





HAIRY STARFISH FLOWER

This lovely, bright desert star is one of the most fascinating of succulents. Stapelia hirsuta blooms freely the first season and is at home in the window garden. The small plants grow easily in a rich but porous soil but should be watered moderately. Keep dry in winter, Flowering season during summer and fall.

Potted.

35c

STAPELIA

There are about 100 species and varieties of these interesting and beautiful African plants. The flowers range from less than 1" to 18" across thus making it a contender for the world's largest flower. There is an infinite variety in color and shape but all are small plants suitable for small collections. They like a rich but very porous soil and moderate waterings during the summer growing season. They are warm weather plants and should be kept dry and dormant in winter.

Stapelia ambigua fulva. Purple-brown 50c

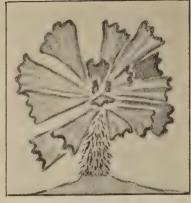
Stapelia	ambigua fulva. Purple-brown	50c
Stapelia	angulata. Red and yellow	.35c
Stapelia	asterias lucida. Purple	.50c
Stapelia	berlinensis. Purple black	.50c
Stapelia	bella	50c
Stapelia	cantabrigensis	.50c
Stapelia	comparabilis	50c
Stapelia	Cooperi	.35c
Stapelia	deflexa atropurpurea	.50c
Stapelia		.75c
Stapelia	divaricata	35c
Stapelia	Dummeri. Yelliw flowers	50c
Stapelia	Engleriana, Rare	.75c
Stapelia	flavirostris	.50c
Stapelia	fulva. Rare	.75c
Stapelia		60c
Stapelia	gigantea. Giant Starfish	.50c
Stapelia	gigantea pallida	75c
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ELK HORN EUPHORBIA



SILVER SKIN



ADROMISCHUS CRISTATUS

A very pretty and scarce species with bright rufous stems and crested leaves. Should be shipped only during cool weather. Each 50c and 35c

50c 75c

50c 50c

50c

50c 75c

75c 35c

50c 50c

50c

60c 40c 50c 50c



ECHIDNOPSIS

Stapeliads closely related to Carralluma from which they differ only in their peculiar, many ribbed, tesselate stems. Arabia and Africa. Culture as in Stapelia. Very interesting plants creeping or upright with small red or yellow flowers. Easy to grow.

Echidnopsis cereiformis obscura. Grows upright

Echidnopsis serpens. A creeping species recently described with red flowers. Grows easily. Each 35c

DUVALIA

Stapeliads without close relatives. The outer corona is disk-shaped and surrounded by a small annulus or thickening of the corolla. The petals are often replicate or bent back vertically upon their central median line. Charming plants though the flowers are not very

rge.
Duvalia Corderoyi. Rare. Lovely......
Duvalia elegans namaquana....
Duvalia polita.....
Duvalia radiata obscura... .75c Duvalia reclinata. Pretty.

HUERNIA

A large and beautiful genus of Stapeliads easily distinguished by the 10-pointed flowers i.e. 5 petals plus 5 acute points at the sinuses between the petals. Small, clustered stems and very pretty flowers. Culture as in Stapelia. Easily grown.

Huernia Hislopii. 75c. Huernia hystrix. 35c. H. keniensis. 35c. H. keniensis nairobensis. 1952. 50c. H. Langii. 50c. H. Levyi. 50c. H. macrocarpa cerasina. 50c. H. macrocarpa flavicorona 50c. H. macrocarpa Penzigii. 50c. H. macrocarpa Schweinfurthii. 50c. H. Pillansii. 50c. H. primulina. 35c. H. Schneideriana. 35c. H. Thureti. 35c. H. Vansonii. 35c. H. Whitesloaniana. 1952. 50c. H. zebrina 45c.



Stapelia glabricaulis...
Stapelia glanduliflora...
Stapelia grandiflora...
Stapelia hirsuta. Probably hybrids...
Stapelia hirsuta unguipetala...
Stapelia Leendertziae...
Stapelia maculosoides. 1952...
Stapelia margarita. 1952...
Stapelia margarita. 1952...
Stapelia margarita. 1952...
Stapelia margarita. 1952...
Stapelia molonyae...
Stapelia mutabilis.
Stapelia nobilis. Splendid...
Stapelia parvipunctata. Rare...

Stapelia Plantii. Rare.
Stapelia pulchella. Dwarf..
Stapelia pulvinata. Page 45.
Stapelia Schinzii.
Stapelia semota. Lurid.
Stapelia senilis. Rare...
Stapelia verrucosa. 1952.
Stapelia verrucosa conspicua.
Stapelia Wilmannae. Black bells.

CARALLUMA

This is the basic genus of the tribe Stapelieae of which the other genera are segregates. Over 105 species are recognized of which perhaps half have been in cultivation. Intensely interesting plants to the collector, Many are of easy culture others are really difficult. Those listed are of easy culture.

Carralluma avasmontana. 1952. 75c. C. Baldratii. Rare 50c. C. Burchardii var. maura. 40c. C. hesperidium. 50c. C. hottentorum var. minor. 1952. 75c. C. Keithii. 50c. C. Knobelii. 1952. 75c. C. lutea. 1952. 75c. C. melanantha. 35c. C. Nebrownii var. intermedia. 75c. C. Nebrownii var. pseudonebrownii. 75c. C. piaranthoides. 50c. C. ramosa. \$1. C. Rogersii. 50c. C. tsumebensis. 50c.

STAPELIANTHUS

HUERNIOPSIS

A small genus near Huernia, corolla lobes peculiarly excavated above the tube. Flowers open in afternoon. Culture as in Stapelia.

Huerniopsis	atrosanguinea
Huerniopsis	decipiens 75c
Huerniopsis	

HOODIOPSIS

A monotypic genus with Hoodia-like stems and Stapelia-like flowers. Quite rare. Each 50c

PIARANTHUS

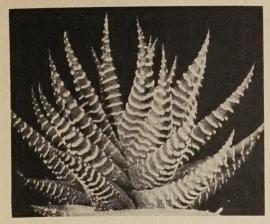
About 15 species of dwarf stapeliads with corona lobes toothed at the back.

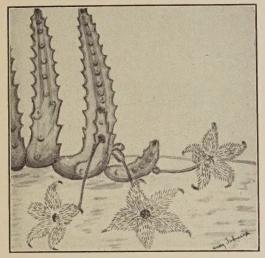
Piaranthus foetidus, 35c. P. foetidus var. purpuràscens. 50c. P. globosus. 1952. 50c. P. pallidus. 1952. 40c P. Pillansii. 35c.



MRS. F. C. SPINKS COLLECTION

Mrs. Spinks has had much pleasure from her collection and has been quite successful in flowering them. She lives at Ronceverte, W. Va.





SNOWFLAKE STAPELIA

PECTINARIA

An odd stapeliad the tips of the petals joined. Pectinaria arcuata. Very rare species......50c

PEDILANTHUS

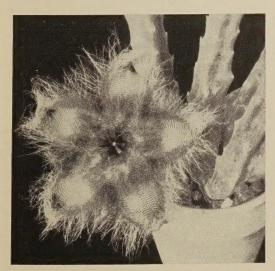
Bears red, showy cyathia. Pencil-like stems and caducous leaves. Easy culture.

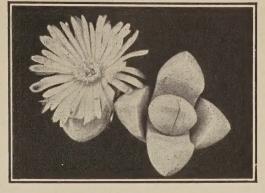
Fedianthus macrocarpus. Showy flowers.

White stems. \$1.00
Pedilanthus tithymaloides variegatus. Fine.
1952. 40c

SYNADENIUM

Shrubby Euphorbiads with large leaves. Synadenium Grantii...





KARROO ROSE

RHOEO DISCOLOR

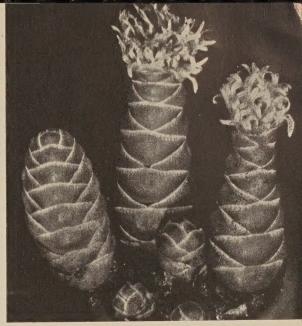
FRITHIA PULCHRA



EUPHORBIA MELOFORMIS

A scarce succulent from South Africa, Our type tends to form pretty, many-headed clusters. A choice collector's item. Easily grown in a fertile, porous loam with moderate waterings.

Each 75c and 50c



RATTLESNAKE CRASSULA

EUPHORBIA

More than 300 species of this vast genus are of succulent habit and potential collectors' items. Probably almost this number have been in collections at various times. It is always surprising to learn the number of species a diligent fancier can bring together of this or any other genus. They like a porous but rich soil. Clay soils, except in the hands of the expert, are far too water retentive. To be safe water moderately only when dry. Sunny or very light position and good ventilation.

Euphorbia	acrurensis	50e
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Euphorbia	ferox. Yellow spined	75c
Euphorbia	Frankiana	50c
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Euphorbia	mogador	
Euphorbia	Morinii. Nice	
Euphorbia	officinarum	
Euphorbia	pseudocactus	
Euphorbia	pseudoglobosa	
Euphorbia	pteroneura	35с
Euphorbia	resinifera. Blue grey	35с
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Euphorbia	squarrosa	
Euphorbia	Susannae	
Euphorbia	tubiglans	50c
Euphorbia	xylophylloides. Tips	\$1.00



ECHEVERIA KEWENSIS

TONGUE LEAF

Glottiphyllum linguiforme has bright green, soft, succulent, long leaves and yellow 25c

PUSSY EARS
Cyanotis somaliensis has purple flowers and silky white-haired leaves. A Tradeseantiad. 25c

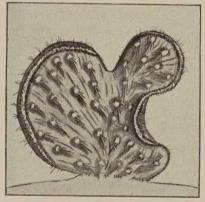


DOLLAR CACTUS

OPUNTIA

The basic genus of the tribe from which several of the other genera are segregates with no real differences of primary taxonomic importance. Each botanist who has monographed them has his personal way of splitting the genus into subgenera and series and none have ever agreed. For convenience we follow Britton & Rose but split off Tephrocactus and Consolea for catalog purposes only. The round stemmed ones are called Cylindropuntia, flat stemmed Platy-

Opuntia basilaris. Coastal form. Page 27 35c
Opuntia basilaris alba. Pale green35c
Opuntia brasiliensis. Tree-like
Opuntia brasiliensis peruviana. Dwarf50c
Opuntia bulbispina. Dwarf



CRESTED OPUNTIA

Opuntia serpentina cristata is one of the best of the crested forms. The stems are thin and very undulate and seldom or never revert to single stems. Grows easily and quickly. and quickly.



GOLDEN TUNA
Opuntia grandiflora is a fine east Texas species almost spineless and of moderate growth. Flowers up to 5" bright yellow with a red eye. It blossoms very freely and should prove fairly hardy. A quick and easy growing species. You will enjoy
this good plant

35c growing species. this good plant...

OPUNTIAS

THE Cactaceae (Cactus Family) is separated from all other plants by its peculiar organ called an "areole" from which the vegetative branches, spines, glochids, hairs, glands and flowers arise. The family is divided into 3 tribes. Pereskieae has broad leaves, no glochids and stalked flowers, plants shrubby or vine-like. Opuntieae has glochids and leaves, mostly small and fugacious, and wheel-shaped flowers (petals erect in Nopalea, glochids wanting in Maihuenia). All other cacti belong to the Cereeae which has no glochids, no leaves (except 2 cotyledons) and flowers with long or short tubes (except Rhipsalis). Anyone can thus identify the tribe to which a plant belongs.

On these two pages we are interested only in the various genera related to Opuntia and to Pereskia which last belongs to the first tribe. There are well over 300 species of Opuntia few of which are in cultivation, due in part to the wickedly spiny character of many species, in part to the general sameness of so many kinds and in part to the robust habit of many. Opuntias are found from British Columbia east to Massachusetts and south to the Strait of

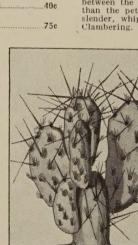


Opuntia vilis (there is a question as to the determination though long in the trade) is a well-branched tiny tree some 4" tall. When allowed to develop it forms a mat. This charming Mexican species is particularly liked because of its distinct tree-like growth. Likes a sandy, poor soil and a light 25c

	Ficus-indica. The fruit and cattle for species. Pads	dder \$1
	fragilis. Winter hardy anywhere. Flowers	
low		.25c
Opuntia	leptocaulis. Long, yellow-sheathed spines	40c
Opuntia	Moelleri. Round, short joints	35c
Opuntia	opuntia. 1952. Hardy	40c
Opuntia	pailiana. Rare but scars badly	40c
Opuntia	rhodantha. 1952. Hardy. Red flowers	50c
Opuntia	ramosissima	40c
Opuntia	Schickendantzii	25c
Opuntia	tomentosa. Spineless tree type. Fine	35c

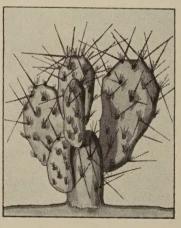
TEPHROCACTUS

Tephrocactus strobiliformis. Page 47. Tephrocactus Turpinii.....



CINNAMON CACTUS

Opuntia rufida bears cinnamon-brown glochids. Nursery grown plants are small with many "ears" and are much used in dish gardens. In warm regions the plant attains 5'.



FAIRY NEEDLES



ANGEL WINGS

Opuntia microdasys albata is a lovely dainty little plant the areoles filled with cottony white glochids. Completely spineless the glochids do not stick! It branches freely and remains dwarf the pure white cushions showing brightly against the dark green pads. Sandy soil, moderate waterings and light position.

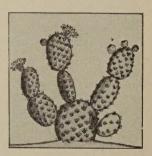
CONSOLEA

Tree-like with round trunks when mature.

QUIABENTIA

NOPALEA

TACINGA



ANGORA BUNNY EARS

Opuntia microdasys albescens a variety with harmless white glochids. A pretty plant with small ears branching freely. Light soil, moderate waterings, sunny situation. 25c

HONEY TUNA
Opuntia microdasys var. Another variation with pretty honey-colored glochids. In pots they remain quite dwarf, perfect miniatures of 25c

or PRICKLY PEARS

Magellan. They have become naturalized in the Old World and became an appalling pest in Australia. In Italy and Mexico the fruits are sold in the markets. Some 20 carloads a year are shipped from California to eastern Italian markets. The young succulent pads of the spineless platyopuntias can be used as a vegetable by slicing into slivers and serving as for string beans. The woody steles of old trunks are called "lace wood" and made into novelty furniture, table lamps, etc. Many have exquisite flowers with silken petals of brilliant colors. Nothing could be lovelier than a colony of Opuntia littoralis whose flowers range from yellow to bright red or the Beaver Tail whose ethereal blossoms grace our harshest desert slopes. Some flower freely in cultivation others seldom flower even in the wilds but depend upon their spiny, easily detached branchlets for survival. Most species are of the easiest culture growing in poor or rich soils in full sun or part shade. To keep them at their best however a reasonably poor sandy soil is recommended with moderate waterings and a sunny position. Indoors in shade or in rich soil they grow so rampantly they soon lose their character and send out long, snake-like branches.



LEMON VINE

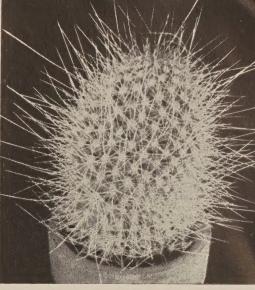


OLD MAN OPUNTIA

Opuntia vestita is a white-haired Rolivian species bearing leaves in the spring and developing the hair more abundantly after the leaves fall when it should be kept drier. Sandy soil.



BUNNY EARS



GRIZZLY BEAR

MAIHUENIA

An anomalous genus placed by Britton & Rose in Opuntieae. Many authors place it in Pereskieae but since the flowers are not stalked and one species has glochids (placed in a new genus Maihueniopsis) it seems rather strange to strain the seams of Pereskieae to receive it. It would seem the lack of glochids is a reduction and not primitive. Small, Chilean, low, branched plants with fat, persistent leaves, spines and yellow or red, rotate flowers. Maihuenia Poeppigii......\$1



DOMINOES

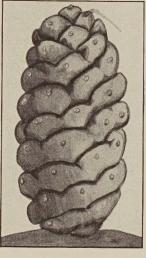
Opuntia erectoclada is a dwarf Argentinian species with trapeziform pads and brown spines. It forms neat, small clusters each pad with the ventral edge facing the parent pad. It likes a fertile sandy soil and a light or sunny position.

25c

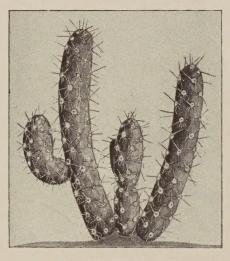


THIMBLE TUNA

Tephrocactus sphaericus is an interesting tiny species with ovoid branches forming dense clusters. Flowers are deep ruby-red. It does not check with this species fully and may be one of Backeberg's new species. Without herbarium comparison one can only form an 35c



SPRUCE CONES



OPUNTIA TERES. CELS.

Young growth has quite long leaves which drop as the resting period approaches. A Bolivian species with garnet-red flowers.



BOXING GLOVE

A form of Opuntia mamillata (O. fulgida) with branches which become hollow and split at the tips into crests. Every branch will do this. The common name is easily understood.



ORANGE TUNA

A form of Opuntia elata. The pads are spineless or nearly so growing upright branching into a bushy head. Flowers are large, bright orange freely borne. With age the plant forms a trunk. A native of Paraguay.

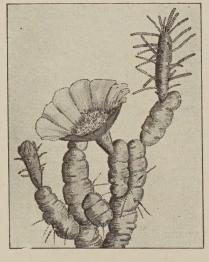
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OPUNTIA MOELLERI

A species from Coahuila, Mexico with short, obovate joints and whitish spines. Forms nice clusters 2-3 joints high. Flowers reportedly yellow. Grows readily with moderate 35c 35c



OPUNTIA VERSCHAFFELTII

THE GROWING OF CACTI—Continued from page 3

greater in diameter than the plant. A one inch plant in a 2" or $2\frac{1}{4}$ " pot. A 2" plant in a 3" pot etc. For very large plants a pot of the same diameter may suffice. If the plant is taller than wide a 2" or 3" plant in a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " pot, a 6" plant in a 3" or 4" pot, a 12" plant in a 5" or 6" pot. It is best not to over-pot unless you are very careful not to overwater. Remember the smaller the pot the greater the ratio of surface to contents and thus the more air diffusion. The question is often asked about glazed pots versus unglazed. For growth the unglazed pot is best for it is porous. However all the colorful and uniquely shaped containers are glazed and they have proven perfectly satisfactory to millions of house plant growers. The point is only for the expert.

In preparing a plant for potting see that any large broken roots are cut with a pair of scissors or sharp knife. If the pot has a hole in the bottom place a piece of broken pot over the hole. If larger than a 4" pot some drainage is helpful, pieces of broken pots or coarse gravel covered over with moss or a piece of sacking. Pour in some soil and then spread the roots out toward the side of the pot. Pour in more soil working it under the plant unless the plant has a tap root. Tap the pot on the table then add more soil keeping the roots reasonably spread. Keep the base of the plant about flush with the finished surface which in a 3" pot should be about ½" below the top to allow for watering. Don't bury the base unless you are sure you know why you are doing it. If the pot is large you will need a blunt stick to firm the soil as you fill the pot. Don't ram the soil in too hard. Just firmly. When finished firm the soil with your two thumbs and tap the pot smartly two or three times on the table to settle it.

Most ornamental pottery does not have a hole in the bottom and I am often asked, "Can I use such a pot?" Most assuredly, yes. Millions of them are used. However be careful never to overwater. Just give enough so they will dry in a week. Remember you are dealing with plants whose home lands are dry. A Philodendron or an African Violet can stand the water better than a Cactus but they will suffer from lack of water and a Cactus will not.

WATERING

I am often asked "When and how should I water my plants?" It can be answered quite simply, "Water when the soil is dry." I try to water just enough so that the soil is dry in 4 to 7 days. If the weather is cool and moist they may remain moist for two or three weeks. If they have plenty of ventilation the moisture seldom hurts them. If they are in a closed warm room overwatering may cause them to rot. If the atmosphere is very dry or if they are in full sun one may have to water more often. If you live where the summers are hot and moist your plants will need far less water. In moist, muggy weather it is best to err on the side of dryness. In such weather plants lose but little water by transpiration and consequently are practically drowned when overwatered.

Many growers think that getting water on a plant is harmful so they soak the pots in pans. I always water from the top because soaking generally insures overwatering. If the plants are in small pots crowded with roots soaking may not harm them but if newly planted or in wet weather it is a fine way to make room for new purchases.

If the plants are wetted in watering see that there is a circulation of air around them so the plant body will dry before night. Wet plants may rot quickly if not dried. Just remember to open the window or ventilator a trifle after watering.

The roots of cacti and succulents need plenty of air. This is provided in good culture by a sandy soil with coarse leafmold. Charcoal is helpful in many cases. Overwatering reduces

the amount of air in the soil, the root hairs drown and decay may set in. Therefore don't saturate the soil but water enough to keep the plants plump. When they are growing they can safely take a little more.

Though cacti come from regions whose climatic conditions vary greatly yet I have found they will thrive with practically the same care for all. There are a few exceptions to this general rule. However even then they grow here side by side receiving but slight variations in treatment. Some we give a sandier soil, often just sand and leafmold, a position closer to the glass or less shade and a little less water though perhaps as frequently.

Overwatering rapidly changes the texture of the soil. This is often overlooked but really is very important. One of the obvious results is a crust on the surface. This slows the growth of the plants down quickly probably because it prevents a free diffusion of the air. The soil compost becomes closer textured, it settles and the air filled interstices between the grains become smaller. I have brought in wonderfully textured soils from our desert mountains where plants have appeared very happy and in a few months have found the texture very different. The warmth and moisture of cultivation soon broke them down.

Though all this may seem to the beginner as very complicated it really is not if this primary advice is even reasonably followed: Water only when plants are dry.

HOW DO I TELL WHEN

My Plants Are Dry?

This is really quite easy to determine. Scratch the surface with a match or pencil a quarter inch to a half inch deep. If moisture shows they don't need watering. During the growing season I try to catch them just as the moisture leaves the deeper scratches — a half inch or so. A little practice will enable you to judge pretty accurately when this should occur. The time will vary somewhat with the type of soil, situation, ventilation and humidity. However try to equalize these factors so it happens in about a week. Young plants need more attention than old established specimens which may go weeks without water. Very young seedlings before their first transplanting should be kept quite moist at all times. Never water newly planted plants heavily. Go easy on water for one to two or more months until the new roots are well established. You are bound to break roots in repotting and these should heal on the dry side. Wetness may cause rotting.

RESTING PLANTS

PLANTS, like animals require a resting period. Even in the tropics rains are seasonable. In most cases the sunless winter months of our northern regions are the best months to rest plants. At this time, due to lack of light and the difficulty of ventilation, any growth is quite liable to be etiolated and "drawn."

Most of us have our plants in the window so "resting" may consist only of giving our plants less moisture. Enough water to keep them from drying up or withering but not enough to force growth. Give them as much fresh air as you can and as much light as possible. Don't allow temperatures to go below freezing. Start giving less water in September or October. Growth should be stopped by October. Let them rest until there is plenty of light in March or even April. There is no rush about getting them started. If flower buds show before this you may water a little more or they will blast.

If you have a light window in a frost proof cellar your plants can be set near it. Since the cellar is cooler and the air more moist the plants will probably be in a better flowering condition in the spring. If you have a greenhouse put the plants in a light position and water only when they show signs of shriveling. Temperatures down as low as 33° will not hurt them. However I would try to keep temperatures at above 40°.

If you live in warm regions where oranges succeed you will find a great many of your plants will thrive outdoors. Whole groups of them will stand temperatures of 25°, a great many 20°, some even 10°. I have found that this long, cold, outdoor rest really brings the flowers on. The natural dampness from the rains, if the drainage is good, does not seem to rot them.

In the wild state the plants are forced to rest due either to the dry season or to the cold of winter. Seldom does the growing season actually extend over 3 or 4 months. Often, due to lack of rains, a plant will make only 2 or 3 new areoles in a year some years missing entirely. Thus you see that Cacti are not fast growers. Don't try to get too much growth out of them after they reach flowering size. Young plants can be kept growing much longer than specimens. In fact the first year we keep them growing slowly almost through the year. After they have had a rest period it should be observed as they are "set in their ways."

PROPAGATING

Cacti and succulents may be raised from cuttings leaf cuttings, offsets and seeds. A great many cacti are best raised from seeds as they seldom offset or produce suitable cuttings. Others branch freely or offset. The Dolichotheles can be raised from nipples. Some succulents as Echeverias, Pachyphytums and Haworthias are easily raised from leaves. Some, like various Kalanchoes, produce a myriad small plants on the older leaves.

Seed growing is very interesting though a tedious, time consuming process. It may be sown in boxes, pans or pots. Some cactus and succulent seed should be sown on the surface and not covered with soil. The larger seeds should be pressed down with a flat board and clean sand (with the dust sifted out) sprinkled over them to a depth not exceeding an eighth of an inch. Cover with a pane of glass and soak the pans etc., in a pan of water until the moisture shows on the surface. Keep wet until well sprouted. The seed may come up in 4 or 5 days or it may be a month. Much depends on the time of year and temperature. 70° to 75° is a good germinating temperature to maintain at night.

Cuttings of cacti should be allowed to dry in an airy place for two weeks to a month or so. The larger the cut surface the longer it must dry. Sand with a little leafmold is the best rooting medium. Cuttings with a large cut surface should be only set on the sand. If buried they often rot. They should have plenty of ventilation while rooting. The amount of moisture needed to root cuttings is very variable. The shade or jungle cacti Selenicerus, Epiphyllum, Zgyocactus, etc., should be dampened, not soaked, regularly. Desert cacti as Cereus, Mamillaria, Echinocereus, etc., do not need much water to show roots. Roots may show in two weeks to several months.

Leaf cuttings may be laid on dry sand and put in a shady place where roots will show. They may also be set shollowly in sand. Eventually sprouts may show at the base. Many Crassulaceae and Haworthias root readily. Many others do not.

Offsets, like leaf cuttings, are Nature's own way of asexual propagation and often show roots while still attached to the mother plant. They need only be set in soil and watered. Some Lobivias Gymnocalyciums Mamillarias, Echinopsis, etc., produce offsets.

JOHNSON CACTUS GARDENS

PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA